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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2024

Ms. Salazar (for herself, Mrs. Cammack, Mrs. Kiggans of Virginia, Mrs. Miller of West Virginia, Mr. Langworthy, Mr. Womack, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mr. Self, Mr. Tony Gonzales of Texas, Mr. Aderholt, Ms. Tenney, Mr. Williams of New York, Mr. Nunn of Iowa, Mr. Tiffany, Ms. Van Duyne, Mr. Lawler, Mr. Zinke, Mr. Mast, Mr. Moolenaar, Mr. Smith of Missouri, Mr. Baird, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. D’Esposito, Mrs. Hinson, and Ms. Stefanik) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza.

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thousands of rockets;

Whereas the Hamas October 7 attack resulted in the murder of over 1,200 innocent people, the taking of over 250 innocent hostages, and widespread sexual assault and torture, and the victims and hostages include United States citizens;

Whereas Israel has a right to self-defense;
Whereas the State of Israel was founded on May 14, 1948, and recognized by the United States as a State the same day;

Whereas Israel has been designated by the United States Government as a major non-NATO ally;

Whereas, in 2014, Congress designated Israel as a “major strategic partner”;

Whereas the United States and Israel have a close and robust bilateral relationship marked by strong people-to-people ties and close cooperation on a wide range of issues including defense, diplomacy, energy, cybersecurity, agriculture, science, and space; and

Whereas, on April 4, 2024, a White House press release stated that President Biden “underscored that an immediate ceasefire is essential to stabilize and improve the humanitarian situation and protect innocent civilians”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) stands with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists;

2 (2) reaffirms Israel’s right to self-defense; and

3 (3) opposes efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza, including calls for an immediate cease-fire, such as the recent statement by President Biden and United Nations Security Council Resolution 2728, which was adopted due to
the Biden administration’s decision not to exercise the United States veto.