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Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist.

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Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mrs. KIM of California, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist.

Whereas the Jewish people are native to the Land of Israel;

Whereas throughout history and across the reign of multiple kingdoms, the Jewish people were persecuted and expelled from the Land of Israel, forced to live as minority diaspora communities in other lands;

Whereas Jewish diaspora communities were historically violently persecuted in, and in some cases expelled from, other countries throughout the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and Asia due to their religion;

Whereas the Nazis attempted to annihilate the entire Jewish population of Europe during the Holocaust, murdering 6,000,000 Jews during this time;

Whereas this genocide provided new urgency to re-establish a Jewish homeland for the Jewish people following the Holocaust, where they would not be a vulnerable minority, where they could freely practice their faith, and where something like the Holocaust could never happen again;

Whereas the modern State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948;

Whereas even after the establishment of the State of Israel, other countries and terrorist entities continued to attack Israel, reject its right to exist, and call for its destruction; and

Whereas Israel is the only Jewish State, and therefore, despite persistent external threats, the existence of Israel provides Jews a place to live free from persecution and discrimination: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) reaffirms the State of Israel’s right to exist;
- 3 (2) recognizes that denying Israel’s right to
- 4 exist is a form of antisemitism;
- 5 (3) rejects calls for Israel’s destruction and the
- 6 elimination of the only Jewish State; and
- 7 (4) condemns the Hamas-led terrorist attack on
- 8 Israel.

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