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S. RES. 599

Expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COATS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BURR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. REED, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its

right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

Whereas Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel;

Whereas Hamas has been designated by the Secretary of State as a Foreign Terrorist Organization;

Whereas Hamas refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce violence, and accept previous agreements between Israel and the Palestinians;

Whereas Hamas has launched thousands of rockets and missiles since Israel dismantled settlements and withdrew from Gaza in 2005;

Whereas terrorists in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip have fired approximately 900 rockets and missile shells into Israel this year, an increase from roughly 675 attacks in 2011 and 350 in 2010;

Whereas Hamas has increased the range of its rockets, reportedly with support from Iran and others, putting additional large numbers of Israelis in danger of rocket attacks from Gaza;

Whereas, on November 14, 2012, President Barack Obama condemned the rocket fire from Gaza into Israel and reiterated Israel's right to self-defense; and

Whereas Israel, a fellow democracy, has an inherent right to self defense in the face of terrorist attacks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses unwavering commitment to the

3 security of the State of Israel as a Jewish and demo-

1 cratic state with secure borders, and recognizes and
2 strongly supports its inherent right to act in self-de-
3 fense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism;

4 (2) reiterates that Hamas must end Gaza-
5 linked terrorist rocket and missile attacks against
6 Israel, recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce vio-
7 lence, and agree to accept previous agreements be-
8 tween Israel and the Palestinians;

9 (3) urges the United Nations Security Council
10 to condemn the recent spike in Gaza-linked terrorist
11 missile attacks against Israel, which risk causing ci-
12 vilian casualties in both Israel and Gaza; and

13 (4) encourages the President to continue to
14 work diplomatically with the international commu-
15 nity to prevent Hamas and other Gaza-based ter-
16 rorist organizations from retaining or rebuilding the
17 capability to launch rockets and missiles against
18 Israel.

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