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Condemning the recent violent terrorist attack against Taylor Force and the recent wave of terrorism against Israel and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' failure to condemn such attacks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning the recent violent terrorist attack against Taylor Force and the recent wave of terrorism against Israel and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' failure to condemn such attacks.

Whereas, on March 8, 2016, Mr. Taylor Force was stabbed to death by a Palestinian terrorist;

Whereas Mr. Force was a graduate of West Point and served in the United States Army as a Field Artillery Officer;

Whereas Mr. Force honorably served tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas Mr. Force was in Israel on a trip sponsored by Vanderbilt University at which he was pursuing a Masters in Business Administration;

Whereas after the tragic and horrific murder of Mr. Force, the United States and Israel condemned the terrorist who carried out the attack in the strongest terms possible and without delay;

Whereas Palestinian Authority President Abbas refused to condemn the terrorist who murdered Mr. Force;

Whereas Palestinian Authority President Abbas' Fatah Party posted a cartoon on its Twitter account of a hand holding a knife over Israel and the Palestinian territories with a caption calling the Palestinian terrorist who murdered Mr. Force a hero and a martyr;

Whereas Palestinian Authority President Abbas' and the Fatah Party's continued glorification of terrorists is not conducive to establishing an environment in which a peaceful resolution of the current conflict may be achieved;

Whereas Mr. Force's murder by a Palestinian terrorist is yet another tragedy in a sustained and growing trend of near-daily attacks by Palestinian terrorists against Israeli citizens and those who visit Israel in peace and friendship;

Whereas President Abbas has characterized the recent rise of violence against Israelis by Palestinian terrorists as a "justified uprising";

Whereas President Abbas and Iran have championed payments to terrorists and their families, including Iran's pledge to pay these terrorists and their families \$7,000 for committing acts of terrorism;

Whereas these terrorist attacks must be and are condemned in the strongest terms by both the United States and Israel; and

Whereas Palestinian Authority President Abbas not only refuses to condemn the terrorists who carry out these attacks, but allows his party to glorify them and their heinous actions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the United States—

3 (1) should continue to condemn each and every
4 act of violence against Israeli citizens and those who
5 visit Israel in peace and friendship;

6 (2) believes that any chance at lasting peace
7 will only occur through peaceful, bilateral discus-
8 sions coupled with sound counsel from peaceful al-
9 lies;

10 (3) expresses support for individuals and orga-
11 nizations working to encourage cooperation between
12 Israelis and Palestinians dedicated to achieving a
13 peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

14 (4) calls on Palestinian Authority President
15 Abbas and the international community to join us in
16 condemning the current wave of terrorism in Israel;
17 and

18 (5) reaffirms the strong relationship between
19 Israel and the United States.

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