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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution opposing United Nations Security Council  
3 Resolution 2334 and requesting its repeal or  
4 fundamental alteration.  
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6 WHEREAS, the United States has long supported a negotiated  
7 settlement leading to a sustainable two-state solution with the  
8 democratic, Jewish state of Israel and a demilitarized,  
9 democratic Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace and  
10 security, and

11 WHEREAS, since 1993, the United States has facilitated  
12 direct, bilateral negotiations between both parties toward  
13 achieving a two-state solution and ending all outstanding  
14 claims, and

15 WHEREAS, it is the long-standing policy of the United  
16 States that a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian  
17 conflict will only come through direct, bilateral negotiations  
18 between the two parties, and

19 WHEREAS, it was the long-standing position of the United  
20 States to oppose and, if necessary, veto United Nations Security  
21 Council resolutions dictating additional binding parameters on  
22 the peace process, and

23 WHEREAS, it was also the long-standing position of the  
24 United States to oppose and, if necessary, veto one-sided or  
25 anti-Israel United Nations Security Council resolutions, and

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26 WHEREAS, the United States has stood in the minority  
27 internationally over successive administrations in defending  
28 Israel in international forums, including vetoing one-sided  
29 resolutions in 1995, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, and  
30 2011 before the United Nations Security Council, and

31 WHEREAS, the United States recently signed a new memorandum  
32 of understanding with the Israeli government regarding security  
33 assistance, consistent with long-standing support for Israel  
34 among successive administrations and Congresses and representing  
35 an important United States commitment toward Israel's  
36 qualitative military edge, and

37 WHEREAS, on November 29, 2016, the United States House of  
38 Representatives unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolution  
39 165, expressing and reaffirming long-standing United States  
40 policy in support of a direct, bilaterally negotiated settlement  
41 of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and in opposition to United  
42 Nations Security Council resolutions that impose a solution to  
43 the conflict, and

44 WHEREAS, on December 23, 2016, the United States Permanent  
45 Representative to the United Nations disregarded House  
46 Concurrent Resolution 165 and departed from long-standing United  
47 States policy by abstaining and permitting United Nations  
48 Security Council Resolution 2334 to be adopted under Chapter VI  
49 of the United Nations Charter, and

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50 WHEREAS, the United States' abstention on United Nations  
51 Security Council Resolution 2334 contradicts the Oslo Accords  
52 and its associated process that is predicated on resolving the  
53 Israeli-Palestinian conflict between the parties through direct,  
54 bilateral negotiations, and

55 WHEREAS, United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334  
56 claims that "the establishment by Israel of settlements in the  
57 Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East  
58 Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant  
59 violation under international law and a major obstacle to the  
60 achievement of the two-State solution and a just, lasting and  
61 comprehensive peace," and

62 WHEREAS, by referring to the "4 June 1967 lines" as the  
63 basis for negotiations, United Nations Security Council  
64 Resolution 2334 effectively states that the Jewish Quarter of  
65 the Old City of Jerusalem and the Western Wall, Judaism's  
66 holiest site, are "occupied territory," thereby equating these  
67 sites with outposts in the West Bank that the Israeli government  
68 has deemed illegal, and

69 WHEREAS, passage of United Nations Security Council  
70 Resolution 2334 effectively legitimizes efforts by the  
71 Palestinian Authority to impose its own solution through  
72 international organizations and unjustified boycotts or  
73 divestment campaigns against Israel by calling "upon all States,  
74 bearing in mind paragraph 1 of this resolution, to distinguish,

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75 | in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State  
76 | of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967," and will  
77 | require the United States and Israel to take effective action to  
78 | counteract the resolution's potential harmful impacts, and

79 |       WHEREAS, United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334  
80 | did not directly call upon Palestinian leadership to fulfill  
81 | their obligations toward negotiations or mention that part of  
82 | the eventual Palestinian state is currently controlled by Hamas,  
83 | a designated terrorist organization, and

84 |       WHEREAS, United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334  
85 | sought to impose or unduly influence solutions to final-status  
86 | issues and is biased against Israel, NOW, THEREFORE,

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88 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
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91 |       That the Florida House of Representatives finds:

92 |       (1) The passage of United Nations Security Council  
93 | Resolution 2334 undermined the long-standing position of the  
94 | United States to oppose and veto United Nations Security Council  
95 | resolutions that seek to impose solutions to final-status issues  
96 | or are one sided and anti Israel, reversing decades of  
97 | bipartisan agreement.

98 |       (2) The passage of United Nations Security Council  
99 | Resolution 2334 undermines the prospect of Israelis and

100 | Palestinians resuming productive, direct, bilateral  
101 | negotiations.

102 |         (3) The passage of United Nations Security Council  
103 | Resolution 2334 contributes to the politically motivated acts of  
104 | boycotting, divesting from, and sanctioning Israel and  
105 | represents a concerted effort to extract concessions from Israel  
106 | outside of direct, bilateral negotiations between the Israelis  
107 | and Palestinians, which must be actively rejected.

108 |         (4) Any future measures taken by any organization,  
109 | including the United Nations Security Council, to impose an  
110 | agreement or parameters for an agreement will set back the peace  
111 | process, harm the security of Israel, contradict the enduring  
112 | bipartisan consensus on strengthening the United States-Israel  
113 | relationship, and weaken support for such organizations.

114 |         (5) A durable and sustainable peace agreement between  
115 | Israel and the Palestinians is only possible with direct,  
116 | bilateral negotiations between the parties resulting in a  
117 | Jewish, democratic state living next to a demilitarized  
118 | Palestinian state in peace and security.

119 |         (6) The United States government should work to facilitate  
120 | serious, direct, unconditional negotiations between the parties  
121 | toward a sustainable peace agreement.

122 |         (7) The United States government should oppose and veto  
123 | future one-sided, anti-Israel United Nations Security Council

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124 resolutions that seek to impose solutions to final-status  
125 issues.

126 That the Florida House of Representatives opposes and  
127 requests the repeal or fundamental alteration of United Nations  
128 Security Council Resolution 2334 so that the resolution:

129 (1) Is no longer one sided and anti Israel.

130 (2) Authorizes all final-status issues toward a two-state  
131 solution to be resolved through direct, bilateral negotiations  
132 between the parties involved.

133 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be  
134 presented to the President of the United States, the President  
135 and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk  
136 of the United States House of Representatives, and the Israeli  
137 Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper  
138 authorities of the State of Israel as a tangible token of the  
139 sentiments expressed herein.