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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution expressing solidarity with Israel in its  
3 fight against terrorism.

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5 WHEREAS, the ongoing threat of terrorism since September  
6 11, 2001, has harmed the economies of Florida and the United  
7 States, damaging tourism and travel among the states and  
8 creating a negative economic atmosphere, hurting business and  
9 producing job losses, and

10 WHEREAS, the ongoing threat of worldwide terrorism at home  
11 and abroad has forced local, state, and federal resources in the  
12 United States to be diverted from other critical domestic  
13 programs for the purpose of enhancing public security, and

14 WHEREAS, the United States and Israel are now engaged in a  
15 common struggle against terrorism and are on the front lines of  
16 a conflict thrust upon them against their will, and

17 WHEREAS, hundreds of innocent Israelis and Palestinians  
18 have died tragically in violence since September 2000, and

19 WHEREAS, Israel has lost nearly 700 innocent lives, which  
20 as a percentage of population is commensurate with America's  
21 losing over 30,000 lives in the terrorist attacks on New York  
22 and Washington on September 11, 2001, and

23 WHEREAS, the ongoing violence has hurt the economies of  
24 both Israel and the Palestinian territories, damaging tourism in  
25 both regions, thereby creating a negative economic atmosphere  
26 hurting business and producing job losses, and

27 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush declared at a joint  
28 session of Congress on September 20, 2001, that "from this day  
29 forward any nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism  
30 will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime," and



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31 WHEREAS, President Bush recently stated that he "fully  
32 understands Israel's need to defend herself" and that he  
33 "respects" the fact that Israelis have "seen a wave of suicide  
34 bombers coming to the heart of their cities and killing innocent  
35 people," and

36 WHEREAS, Israel's military operations are an effort to  
37 defend itself against the unspeakable horrors of ongoing  
38 terrorism and are aimed only at dismantling the terrorist  
39 infrastructure, and

40 WHEREAS, Israel has made clear its intention to withdraw  
41 from Palestinian areas and has already begun to do so, NOW,  
42 THEREFORE,

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44 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
45 Florida:

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47 That the House of Representatives:

48 (1) Stands in solidarity with Israel as it takes necessary  
49 steps to provide security to its people by dismantling the  
50 terrorist infrastructure;

51 (2) Remains committed to Israel's right to self-defense  
52 and supports additional United States assistance to help Israel  
53 defend itself;

54 (3) Condemns suicide bombings;

55 (4) Urges all Arab states to declare their unqualified  
56 opposition to all forms of terrorism, particularly suicide  
57 bombing;

58 (5) Commends the President for his leadership in  
59 addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts, particularly the  
60 efforts of the Administration to engage countries throughout the



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61 region to condemn and prevent terrorism and to prevent a  
62 widening of the conflict;

63 (6) Urges all parties in the region to vigorously pursue  
64 efforts to establish a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace in  
65 the Middle East; and

66 (7) Will work as an elected body to promote tourism,  
67 economic trade, and cultural exchange with the State of Israel,  
68 keeping relations healthy now and into the future for the  
69 benefit of Florida and Israel.