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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution expressing solidarity with Israel in its
3 defense against terrorism in the Gaza Strip.

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5 WHEREAS, the State of Israel is the greatest ally of the
6 United States in the Middle East, and

7 WHEREAS, the Hamas terror organization's charter calls for
8 the destruction of the State of Israel, and

9 WHEREAS, Palestinian terrorists of the Islamic Jihad and
10 Hamas in the Gaza Strip, sponsored and trained by Iran, have
11 recently fired hundreds of rockets at civilian targets in
12 southern Israel, ending a 6-month cease fire with Israel in
13 declaration and in deed, and

14 WHEREAS, during the 6-month "state of calm," Israel allowed
15 the entrance of some 17,000 truckloads of humanitarian aid into
16 the Gaza Strip, while Palestinian terrorists launched 538
17 rockets and mortars into Israel, and

18 WHEREAS, the latest terrorist attacks took place only days
19 after the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution
20 1850, which unanimously declared support for the peace process
21 between the Palestinians and Israelis, and

22 WHEREAS, since these latest terrorist attacks and the
23 beginning of its military operation on December 27, 2008, Israel
24 has allowed the entrance of hundreds of truckloads of
25 humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip in full coordination with
26 donor Arab countries and international aid organizations,
27 including the Red Cross, out of respect for human rights and

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28 | lives and in an effort to minimize the hardship and suffering of
29 | the Palestinian population, and

30 | WHEREAS, Israel's military operations are an effort to
31 | defend its citizens as a moral duty against the unspeakable
32 | horrors of ongoing, indiscriminate terrorism and are aimed only
33 | at dismantling the terrorist infrastructure, and

34 | WHEREAS, hundreds of innocent Israeli and Palestinian
35 | civilians have been tragically killed due to ongoing escalations
36 | of violence initiated by Palestinian terrorist organizations,
37 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
40 | Florida:

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42 | That the House of Representatives:

43 | (1) Stands in solidarity with Israel as it takes necessary
44 | steps to provide security to its people;

45 | (2) Remains committed to Israel's right to self-defense
46 | and supports additional United States' assistance to help Israel
47 | defend herself;

48 | (3) Condemns the end of the ceasefire by Hamas;

49 | (4) Condemns the firing of rockets into civilian areas by
50 | the Iran-sponsored terrorist groups of Hamas and the Islamic
51 | Jihad;

52 | (5) Urges all Arab states to declare their opposition to
53 | terrorism and attacks on civilians;

54 | (6) Urges all parties in the region to pursue lasting
55 | peace in the Middle East; and

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56 | (7) Will work as an elected body to promote economic
57 | relations, bilateral trade, and partnerships in green
58 | technologies and alternative energy with the State of Israel to
59 | stimulate the economies of both the United States and Israel in
60 | this time of crisis.