

Condemning an act of war against Israel by Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and associated forces, and for other purposes.

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Iranian-backed terrorists—including Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and associated forces—launched an unprovoked attack on Israel that resulted in the death, maiming, and abduction of hundreds of innocent Israeli civilians;

Whereas Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that “We are at war” in response to the attack and called on “all citizens of Israel to unite in order to achieve our highest goal – victory in the war”;

Whereas U.S. President Biden stated that “the United States unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza, and I made clear to Prime Minister Netanyahu that we stand ready to offer all appropriate means of support to the Government and people of Israel” and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin stated that “Our commitment to Israel's right to defend itself remains unwavering”;

Whereas Hamas, the Palestine Islamic Jihad, and associated forces are known proxies, and dependent on the Islamic Republic of Iran—the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the world—for weapons, intelligence, and financial assistance;

Whereas this unprecedented attack is a continuation of Iran’s military attacks on Israel using a network of terrorists and Tehran-funded proxies; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the House of Representatives:

1. Declares its unwavering support for the State of Israel and stands ready to consider urgent requests for additional assistance Israel may require to defend its people and safeguard its sovereignty;
2. Affirms that Israel, as a sovereign state, is entitled to act in self-defense against Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and associated forces, and their state sponsors;
3. Finds that cross-border attacks, murders, and kidnappings constitute acts of international terrorism and aggression;
4. Calls on the President to provide intelligence, military, and diplomatic support to the Government of Israel in response to this terrorist attack; and
5. Calls on all governments harboring Hamas personnel to immediately expel those individuals from their territory.