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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, Hamas, a foreign terrorist organization, launched a brutal terrorist attack upon the civilians of the Republic of Israel; and

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WHEREAS, This cross-border assault included thousands of rockets fired by Hamas into Israel and numerous terrorist incursions into the streets and homes of Israeli civilians; and

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WHEREAS, As a result of this heinous attack, countless Israelis have been killed thus far, thousands more have been wounded, and more than one hundred Israelis and foreign nationals, including U.S. citizens, have been abducted and brutalized by Hamas terrorists, including reported rapes, torture, and murders of abducted civilians; and

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WHEREAS, As of October 11, 2023, U.S. officials have reported that at least 27 American citizens have been killed in the brutal assault; and

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WHEREAS, Numerous international news organizations have detailed the brutal slaughter of Israeli women, including the sickening murder of children and infants; and

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1 WHEREAS, Continued prayers are offered to those abducted
2 civilians, including those American citizens and their
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, The attack follows countless other terrorist acts
5 by Hamas against the Republic of Israel and its Jewish
6 civilians; and

7 WHEREAS, Patriotic Americans are responding to this attack
8 by expressing their unwavering support for Israel and Jewish
9 Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, In recent days, and even after the horrific
11 attack of October 7, 2023, certain politicians and
12 organizations have begun to say that "we need to listen to both
13 sides" and "we ought not to rush to judgment" and "we need more
14 data" and "it's complicated"; and

15 WHEREAS, When armed mobs of terrorists murder and abduct
16 innocent civilian men, women, and children, the only people
17 who see complications are those who lack moral standards and
18 fail to recognize basic human dignity; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 in response to the heinous Hamas terrorist attack of October

1 7, 2023, we express unlimited, unwavering support for the
2 civilians, soldiers, defenders, and government of the Republic
3 of Israel; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we reject any attempt to compromise,
5 undermine, or "both sides" this fundamental moral issue of
6 human good and evil; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere condolences to the
8 families who have lost loved ones in this brutal assault,
9 including the families of the 27 American citizens who lost
10 their lives; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
12 Yinam Cohen, the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, at
13 the Office of the Consulate General of Israel in Chicago.