

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The nation of Israel and its citizens have long
3 been the targets of terrorist attacks and these activities
4 have killed or injured thousands of Israeli citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Innocent Israeli citizens, including women and
6 children, have increasingly become the preferred targets of
7 militant Palestinian homicide bombers; and

8 WHEREAS, These homicide bombers attack Israeli citizens
9 with no regard to their noncombatant civilian status in an
10 attempt to terrorize and coerce the government of Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, These homicide bombers are attempting to
12 undermine the good intentions of the majority of Israelis and
13 Palestinians who choose to work nonviolently toward peace;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, These homicide bombers are using increasingly
16 sophisticated weaponry, indicating that they are receiving
17 increased financial and political support; and

18 WHEREAS, Those who supply terrorists are as much enemies
19 of the United States as those who would use murder to strike
20 fear into the heart of a peaceful nation; and

21 WHEREAS, Terrorist groups frequently recruit women and
22 children to serve as homicide bombers and promote a culture
23 of violence by training children to grow up to become
24 homicide bombers; and

25 WHEREAS, Militant Palestinians celebrate these terrorists
26 as "martyrs" and praise their heinous acts as "heroic"; and

27 WHEREAS, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has failed to
28 condemn these murderous attacks against innocent Israeli
29 civilians; and

1 WHEREAS, Neither the United States nor Israel will be
2 intimidated by brutal attacks against citizens by a terrorist
3 organization; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express
6 appreciation to the President of the United States, George W.
7 Bush, for his condemnation of the vicious terrorist acts
8 committed against the nation of Israel, and we urge him to
9 continue to support Israel in the future in its fight against
10 terrorism; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
12 to President George W. Bush and to each member of the
13 Illinois congressional delegation.