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H. RES. 107

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PENCE, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah, and for other purposes.

Whereas Israel completed its withdrawal from southern Lebanon on May 24, 2000;

Whereas on June 18, 2000, the United Nations Security Council welcomed and endorsed United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan's report that Israel had withdrawn completely from Lebanon under the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (1978);

Whereas Israel completed its withdrawal from Gaza on September 12, 2005;

Whereas on June 25, 2006, Hamas and allied terrorists crossed into Israel to attack a military post, killing two soldiers and wounding a third, Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped;

Whereas on July 12, 2006, Hezbollah terrorists crossed into Israel to attack Israeli troops patrolling the Israeli side of the border with Lebanon, killing three, wounding two, and kidnapping Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev;

Whereas Gilad Shalit has been held in captivity by Hamas for more than 7 months;

Whereas Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev have been held in captivity by Hezbollah for more than 6 months;

Whereas Hamas and Hezbollah have withheld all information on the health and welfare of the men they have kidnapped; and

Whereas, contrary to the most basic standards of humanitarian conduct, Hamas and Hezbollah have prevented access to the Israeli captives by competent medical personnel and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) demands that—

3 (A) Hamas immediately and uncondition-
4 ally release Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit;

5 (B) Hezbollah accept the mandate of
6 United Nations Security Council Resolution
7 1701 (2006) by immediately and uncondition-
8 ally releasing Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser
9 and Eldad Regev; and

1 (C) Hezbollah and Hamas accede to the
2 most basic standards of humanitarian conduct
3 and allow prompt access to the Israeli captives
4 by competent medical personnel and representa-
5 tives of the International Committee of the Red
6 Cross;

7 (2) expresses—

8 (A) its vigorous support and unwavering
9 commitment to the welfare and survival of the
10 State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic
11 state with secure borders;

12 (B) its strong support and deep interest in
13 achieving a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian
14 conflict through the creation of a viable and
15 independent Palestinian state living in peace
16 alongside of the State of Israel;

17 (C) its ongoing concern and sympathy for
18 the families of Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser,
19 and Eldad Regev; and

20 (D) its full commitment to seek the imme-
21 diate and unconditional release of the Israeli
22 captives; and

23 (3) condemns—

24 (A) Hamas and Hezbollah for the cross
25 border attacks and kidnappings which precip-

1 itated weeks of intensive armed conflict between
2 Israel, Hezbollah, and armed Palestinian
3 groups; and

4 (B) Iran and Syria, the primary state
5 sponsors of global terrorism and the patrons of
6 Hezbollah and Hamas, for their ongoing sup-
7 port for international terrorism.

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