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H. RES. 1044

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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Nations Security Council welcomed and endorsed United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan's report that Israel had withdrawn completely from Lebanon under the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (1978);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

10 (C) Hezbollah and Hamas accede to the
11 most basic standards of humanitarian conduct
12 and allow prompt access to the Israeli captives
13 by competent medical personnel and representa-

1 tives of the International Committee of the Red
2 Cross;

3 (2) expresses—

4 (A) its condolences to all the innocent indi-
5 viduals and families in Lebanon, Gaza, and
6 Israel that have suffered loss and trauma as a
7 consequence of the fighting initiated by the acts
8 of terrorist aggression by Hamas and
9 Hezbollah;

10 (B) its unwavering support and commit-
11 ment to the welfare and survival of the State of
12 Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, with
13 secure borders, living in peace alongside an
14 independent Palestinian state;

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

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

21 (3) condemns—

22 (A) Hamas and Hezbollah for the cross
23 border attacks and kidnappings which precip-
24 itated weeks of intensive armed conflict between

1 Israel, Hezbollah, and armed Palestinian
2 groups; and

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

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