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S. RES. 92

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DODD, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

APRIL 12, 2007

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

Whereas Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon on May 24, 2000;

Whereas Congress expressed concern for soldiers of Israel missing in Lebanon and Syrian-controlled territory of Lebanon in the Act entitled “To locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a United States citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action”, approved November 8, 1999 (Public Law 106–89), which required the

Secretary of State to raise the status of missing soldiers of Israel with appropriate government officials of Syria, Lebanon, the Palestinian Authority, and other governments in the region, and to submit to Congress reports on those efforts and any subsequent discovery of relevant information;

Whereas, on June 18, 2000, the United Nations Security Council welcomed and endorsed the report by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan that Israel had withdrawn completely from Lebanon under the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (1978);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 2 soldiers and wounding a third, Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped;

Whereas, on July 12, 2006, terrorists of Hezbollah crossed into Israel to attack troops of Israeli patrolling the Israeli side of the border with Lebanon, killing 3 soldiers, wounding 2 more, 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 ac-

cess 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 Senate—

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-
14 tives of the International Committee of the Red
15 Cross;

16 (2) expresses—

17 (A) vigorous support and unwavering com-
18 mitment to the welfare and survival of the
19 State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic
20 state with secure borders;

21 (B) strong support and deep interest in
22 achieving a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian
23 conflict through the creation of a viable and

1 independent Palestinian state living in peace
2 alongside of the State of Israel;

3 (C) ongoing concern and sympathy for the
4 families of Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser,
5 Eldad Regev, and all other missing soldiers of
6 Israel; and

7 (D) full commitment to seek the immediate
8 and unconditional release of the Israeli captives;
9 and

10 (3) condemns—

11 (A) Hamas and Hezbollah for the cross
12 border attacks and kidnappings that precip-
13 itated weeks of intensive armed conflict between
14 Israel and Hezbollah and armed Palestinian
15 groups; and

16 (B) Iran and Syria for their ongoing sup-
17 port of Hezbollah and Hamas.

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