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H. RES. 1359

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit held captive by Hamas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Congress previously expressed its concern for missing Israeli soldiers in Public Law 106–89 (113 Stat. 1305; November 8, 1999), which required the Secretary of State to raise the status of missing Israeli soldiers 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 the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 107 on March 13, 2007, regarding Gilad Shalit and other Israeli soldiers illegally attacked and captured by terrorists;

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

Whereas, on June 25, 2006, contrary to international humanitarian law and the most basic standards of human conduct, Hamas together with allied terrorists crossed into Israel to attack a military post, killing two soldiers and wounding and kidnapping Gilad Shalit in a blatantly illegal and extortionate effort to coerce the Government of Israel;

Whereas Hamas, contrary to international humanitarian law and the most basic standards of human conduct, has prevented access to Gilad Shalit by competent medical personnel and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross;

Whereas Hamas, contrary to international humanitarian law and the most basic standards of human conduct, has failed to provide Gilad Shalit the humane treatment all captives are entitled to as a fundamental human right;

Whereas Hamas, contrary to international humanitarian law and the most basic standards of human conduct, has refused to provide Gilad Shalit with regular contact with his family or any other party, or to allow his family to know where he is being held;

Whereas Hamas, contrary to international humanitarian law and the most basic standards of human conduct, has compelled Gilad Shalit to appear in video and voice recordings intended to illegally and extortionately coerce the Government of Israel; and

Whereas Gilad Shalit has been held in captivity by Hamas for almost four years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) demands that—

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

4 (B) Hamas accede to the requirements of
5 international humanitarian law and the most
6 basic standards of human conduct by—

7 (i) allowing prompt access to the
8 Israeli captives by competent medical per-
9 sonnel and representatives of the Inter-
10 national Committee of the Red Cross;

11 (ii) providing Gilad Shalit the humane
12 treatment all captives are entitled to as a
13 fundamental human right;

14 (iii) facilitating regular communica-
15 tion by Gilad Shalit with his family and
16 allow his family to know where he is being
17 held; and

18 (iv) ceasing to compel Gilad Shalit to
19 appear in video and voice recordings in-
20 tended to illegally and extortionately coerce
21 the Government of Israel;

22 (2) expresses—

23 (A) its vigorous support and unwavering
24 commitment to the welfare, security, and sur-
25 vival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and

1 democratic state within recognized and secure
2 borders;

3 (B) its strong support and deep interest in
4 achieving a resolution of the Israeli–Palestinian
5 conflict through the creation of a democratic,
6 viable, and independent Palestinian state living
7 in peace alongside of the State of Israel;

8 (C) its ongoing concern and sympathy for
9 the family of Gilad Shalit; and

10 (D) its full commitment to continue to
11 seek the immediate and unconditional release of
12 Gilad Shalit and other missing Israeli soldiers;

13 (3) recalls—

14 (A) the illegal and barbaric attack on and
15 kidnapping of the bodies of Ehud Goldwasser
16 and Eldad Regev on July 12, 2006, by the
17 Iran-supported terrorist group Hezbollah; and

18 (B) the missing Israeli soldiers Zecharya
19 Baumel, Zvi Feldman, and Yehuda Katz, miss-
20 ing since June 11, 1982, Ron Arad, who was
21 captured on October 16, 1986, Guy Hever, last
22 seen on August 17, 1997, and Majdy Halabi,
23 last seen on May 24, 2005; and

24 (4) condemns—

1 (A) Hamas for the grossly illegal and im-
2 moral cross border attack and kidnapping of
3 Gilad Shalit; and

4 (B) Iran and Syria, the primary state
5 sponsors and patrons of Hamas, for their ongo-
6 ing support for international terrorism.

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