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Censuring Pramila Jayapal, Representative of the 7th Congressional District
of Washington.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2023

Mr. OGLES (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. DUNCAN) submitted
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ethics

RESOLUTION

Censuring Pramila Jayapal, Representative of the 7th
Congressional District of Washington.

Whereas Representative Pramila Jayapal has promoted
antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiment through her con-
gressional career;

Whereas, in May 2021, Representative Jayapal blamed Israel
for Hamas's decision to indiscriminately fire rockets into
Israeli territory;

Whereas, on May 20, 2021, Representative Jayapal co-spon-
sored legislation which would have provided congressional
disapproval of a proposed direct commercial arms sales to
Israel as Israeli citizens were enduring a barrage of
4,300 rockets from Palestinian terrorists;

Whereas, on July 15, 2023, Representative Jayapal stated the following to a group of pro-Palestinian protestors: “Hey guys, can I say something? Can I say something as somebody that’s been in the streets and has participated in a lot of demonstrations? I want you to know that we have been fighting to make it clear that Israel is a racist state, that the Palestinian people deserve self-determination and autonomy, that the dream of a two-state solution is slipping away from us, that it does not even feel possible.”;

Whereas, in 2000, after Yasser Arafat rejected a Palestinian state, which would have included East Jerusalem as a tentative new capital as well as the concession of the Gaza Strip and virtually all of the Judea and Samaria Area, the Palestinians launched the Second Intifada and killed over a thousand Israeli citizens;

Whereas, in 2008, Israel offered the Palestinians a state on terms similar to the 2000 proposal, but with additional territorial concessions;

Whereas, despite repeated Palestinian terrorist attacks against both Israelis and Americans alike, Israel’s numerous offers of peace indicate its unwavering willingness to work in good faith;

Whereas antisemitic tropes attacking Israel as a racist or an apartheid state only serve to falsify the historical record and justify continued terrorist attacks against Israeli citizens; and

Whereas the United States House of Representatives has an obligation to confront and condemn antisemitism in all its manifestations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

1 (1) the House of Representatives censures
2 Pramila Jayapal, Representative of the 7th Congres-
3 sional District of Washington, for her antisemitic re-
4 mark on July 15, 2023, regarding the State of
5 Israel;

6 (2) Representative Pramila Jayapal will forth-
7 with present herself in the well of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives for the pronouncement of censure; and

9 (3) Representative Pramila Jayapal will be cen-
10 sured with the public reading of this resolution by
11 the Speaker.

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