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Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist, condemning antisemitism in all forms, and rejecting false equivalencies between democracies and terrorist organizations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has been a friend to the State of Israel since its inception in 1948;

Whereas Israel has been a friend and ally to the United States in the Middle East, especially in the Global War on Terror;

Whereas the Jewish State was formed from necessity after millennia of pogroms, persecutions, and a Holocaust;

Whereas Members of this body have trafficked antisemitic tropes, created and propagated false narratives, and expressed false equivalencies between the Israeli Government and the terrorists attacking them;

Whereas Hamas attacked the sovereign country of Israel on October 7, 2023, slaughtering innocent civilians, including women and children;

Whereas Hamas captured hundreds of civilians in the October 7 attack, including United States civilians, and seeks to use those hostages as human shields in their war with the Israeli military; and

Whereas antisemitic hate crimes have increased since October 7: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms the right of Israel to exist and de-
3 fend her citizens against terrorist organizations and
4 their state backers;

5 (2) condemns the violence perpetrated by
6 Hamas on October 7 and rejects the notion that
7 such violence can be justified by political concerns;

8 (3) rejects any moral equivalence between the
9 Israeli Government and the Hamas regime that
10 starves its citizens, abuses its population, and uses
11 them as human shields;

12 (4) demands the safe return of all hostages
13 taken by Hamas in the October 7 atrocity;

14 (5) rejects the false narrative that Israeli forces
15 targeted Al-Ahli Arab Hospital on October 17, 2023;

16 (6) rejects the false narrative that United
17 States security assistance to Israel in any way con-
18 tributed to the October 7 atrocities;

1 (7) condemns the phrase “from the river to the
2 sea, Palestine will be free” as an expression of sup-
3 port for genocide, murder, and ethnic cleansing; and
4 (8) rejects the idea that phrasing centering on
5 the destruction and violent expulsion of Jews from
6 their ancestral homeland is anything other than eth-
7 nic cleansing.

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