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Expressing solidarity with Israel in the fight
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Whereas 26 innocent people in Israel were murdered in cold blood and at least 175 wounded by Palestinian terrorists, all within 14 hours, during the weekend of December 1–2, 2001;

Whereas this is the equivalent, on a proportional basis, of 1,200 American deaths and 8,000 wounded;

Whereas United States Middle East envoy Anthony Zinni has labeled the terrorism of December 1–2, 2001, “the deepest evil one can imagine”;

Whereas this bloody weekend is part of an ongoing terror campaign often targeted at youth and families and perpetrated by the Islamic fundamentalist groups Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian terrorist groups;

Whereas President Bush declared at a joint session of Congress on September 20, 2001, that “Every nation, in every region, now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists. From this day forward, any nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime”; and

Whereas President Bush declared on December 2, 2001, that “Chairman Arafat must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to justice”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) condemns the vicious terrorist attacks re-
4 sulting in the death of 26 and the wounding of at
5 least 175 innocent people in Israel within 14 hours
6 during December 1–2, 2001, and extends its deepest
7 sympathies to the Israeli nation and to the families
8 of the victims;

1 (2) expresses outrage at the ongoing Pales-
2 tinian terrorist campaign and insists that the Pales-
3 tinian Authority take all steps necessary to end it;

4 (3) demands, specifically, that the Palestinian
5 Authority take action immediately to—

6 (A) destroy the infrastructure of Pales-
7 tinian terrorist groups;

8 (B) pursue and arrest terrorists whose in-
9 carceration has been called for by Israel; and

10 (C) either—

11 (i) prosecute such terrorists, provide
12 convicted terrorists with the stiffest pos-
13 sible punishment, and ensure that those
14 convicted remain in custody for the full du-
15 ration of their sentences; or

16 (ii) render all arrested terrorists to
17 the Government of Israel for prosecution;

18 (4) urges the President to take any and all nec-
19 essary steps to ensure that the Palestinian Authority
20 takes the actions described in paragraph (3), includ-
21 ing, if necessary, suspending all relations with Yasir
22 Arafat and the Palestinian Authority;

23 (5) further urges the President to insist that all
24 countries harboring, materially supporting, or acqui-
25 escing in the private support of Palestinian terrorist

1 groups end all such support, dismantle the infra-
2 structure of such groups, and bring all terrorists
3 within their borders to justice;

4 (6) commends the President for his strong lead-
5 ership against international terrorism, his forthright
6 response to this most recent outrage, and his swift
7 action to freeze additional sources of terrorist funds;
8 and

9 (7) expresses the solidarity of the United States
10 with Israel in our common struggle against the
11 scourge of terrorism.

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2001.

Attest:

Clerk.