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Demanding that Hamas immediately and unconditionally release Israeli soldier
Gilad Shalit.

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

RESOLUTION

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release Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit.

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, and H. Res. 1359 on June 24, 2010, regarding Gilad Shalit and other Israeli soldiers 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 standards and the most basic standards of humanitarian conduct, Hamas, a State Department designated foreign terrorist organization, together with other allied terrorists, crossed into Israel to attack a military post, killing two soldiers and wounding and kidnapping a third, Gilad Shalit, in a blatantly extortionate effort to coerce the Government of Israel;

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

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

Whereas Hamas, contrary to the most basic standards of humanitarian conduct, has staged plays and produced cartoons and animated movies that have mocked Shalit, his captivity, and his family, and have promised further kidnappings of Israeli soldiers; and

Whereas Gilad Shalit has been held in captivity by Hamas for almost 5 years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) demands that—

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

5 (B) Hamas accede to international human-
6 itarian standards and the most basic standards
7 of humanitarian conduct by—

8 (i) allowing prompt access to Gilad
9 Shalit by competent medical personnel and
10 representatives of the International Com-
11 mittee of the Red Cross;

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

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

19 (iv) ceasing to compel Gilad Shalit to
20 appear in video and voice recordings in-

1 tended to extort and coerce the Govern-
2 ment of Israel;

3 (2) expresses its—

4 (A) vigorous support and unwavering com-
5 mitment to the welfare, security, and survival of
6 the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic
7 state within recognized and secure borders;

8 (B) strong opposition to participation by
9 Hamas in the Palestinian Authority prior to ex-
10 plicit acceptance by that group of Israel's right
11 to exist, the cessation of all violence, and the
12 binding commitments made previously by the
13 Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Libera-
14 tion Organization;

15 (C) ongoing concern and sympathy for the
16 family of Gilad Shalit and the families of all
17 other missing Israeli soldiers; and

18 (D) full commitment to continue to seek
19 the immediate and unconditional release of
20 Gilad Shalit and other missing Israeli soldiers;

21 (3) recalls—

22 (A) the barbaric attack on and kidnapping
23 of the bodies of Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad
24 Regev on July 12, 2006, by the Iran-supported
25 terrorist group Hezbollah; and

1 (B) the missing Israeli soldiers Zecharya
2 Baumel, Zvi Feldman, and Yehuda Katz, miss-
3 ing since June 11, 1982, Ron Arad, who was
4 captured on October 16, 1986, Guy Hever, last
5 seen on August 17, 1997, and Majdy Halabi,
6 last seen on May 24, 2005; and

7 (4) condemns—

8 (A) Hamas for the grossly immoral cross-
9 border attack and kidnapping of Gilad Shalit;
10 and

11 (B) Iran and Syria, the primary state
12 sponsors and patrons of Hamas, for their ongo-
13 ing support for international terrorism.

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