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S. RES. 226

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States supports Israel, our greatest ally in the region, and its right to defend itself against terrorist attacks.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COTTON, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. DAINES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States supports Israel, our greatest ally in the region, and its right to defend itself against terrorist attacks.

Whereas the United States designated Hamas as a terrorist organization on October 8, 1997;

Whereas Hamas, a terrorist organization, seized power of Gaza in 2007;

Whereas Hamas continues to control Gaza and to work alongside other terror groups to attack Israeli civilians,

while refusing to recognize Israel or to attempt to negotiate peace;

Whereas in May of 2021, Hamas and its Palestinian terrorist allies in Gaza, which are funded by Iran, have launched the largest barrage of rockets into Israel in decades, targeting Israeli civilians and cities, including Jerusalem, Israel's capital;

Whereas the State of Israel is a key ally and a strategic partner of the United States;

Whereas, since Israel's founding in 1948, Congress has repeatedly expressed our Nation's unwavering commitment to the security of Israel; and

Whereas cooperation between Israel and the United States is of great importance:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) opposes the escalating and indiscriminate
3 rocket attacks by Hamas against Israel;

4 (2) mourns the loss of innocent life caused by
5 Hamas' rocket attacks;

6 (3) urges continued and steadfast support for
7 Israel, because we have no greater ally in our efforts
8 to preserve peace and secure our interests in the
9 Middle East;

10 (4) affirms its unwavering commitment to our
11 ally, Israel, and its right to defend itself and its ci-
12 vilians against terror by whatever means necessary

1 to stop the murder of Israeli citizens and foreign na-
2 tionals residing in Israel;

3 (5) supports and stands with Israel as it de-
4 fends its people from these reprehensible terrorist
5 attacks; and

6 (6) reaffirms its strong support for Israel's
7 right to peace and security.

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