

an unprecedented attack on Israel by air, land, and sea;

Whereas this heinous assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the multi-front 1973 Yom Kippur War against Israel and while Israeli Jews were preparing to celebrate Simchat Torah;

Whereas Hamas, which has long been supported by Iran, launched thousands of rockets into southern and central Israel;

Whereas Hamas terrorists crossed the Israeli land border, killing civilians and abducting hostages in more than 20 towns in southern Israel, including children and the elderly;

Whereas the initial attack killed more than 1,300 Israelis and injured thousands more;

Whereas American citizens in Israel are among those killed and abducted by Hamas since October 7, 2023;

Whereas since October 7, 2023, Hamas is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians;

Whereas expansion of this war to other fronts by Hezbollah, Iran, or others would create an even more devastating regional catastrophe;

Whereas Iran has long provided hundreds of millions of dollars in material support to Hamas and other terrorist groups, such as Palestinian Islamic Jihad;

Whereas since 1998, the United States Government has supported successive Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the United States and Israel, and in the MOU negotiated in 2016, the United States pledged to provide Israel with \$3,300,000,000 per year in foreign military financing and \$500,000,000 per year in missile defense funding for 10 years, which Congress has appropriated annually since 2018;

Whereas section 513(c) of the Security Assistance Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-280), as amended by section 1273 of the United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2020 (subtitle H of title XII of Public Law 116-283), authorized not less than \$3,300,000,000 in foreign military financing for Israel for fiscal years 2021 through 2028, in accordance with such MOU;

Whereas Congress has responded with emergency supplemental appropriations beyond the terms of such MOU, when needed, such as a \$225,000,000 appropriation in 2014 to replenish immediate Iron Dome interceptors after Hamas fired thousands of rockets into Israel, and appropriations of an additional \$1,000,000,000 for the Iron Dome after the May 2021 conflict during which Hamas launched more than 4,400 rockets into Israel; and

Whereas the United States will make every effort to prevent Iran, Hezbollah, and others from entering the conflict against Israel, including increasing credible regional deterrence through the deployment of naval and air assets to the Middle East:

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

The Senate—

(1) stands with Israel as it defends itself, including Israeli efforts to diminish the threat posed by Hamas;

(2) reaffirms Israel's right to self-defense, and is committed to helping Israel safeguard its people from future aggression;

(3) calls on all countries to unequivocally condemn Hamas' war on Israel, including Hamas' intentional targeting of, and attacks against, civilians;

(4) demands that Hamas immediately cease its attacks against Israel and safely release all living hostages and return the bodies of deceased hostages;

(5) condemns Iran's support for global terrorism, including its support for terrorist

groups such as Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad;

(6) calls on the United States to lead an international effort to deprive Hamas of Iranian and other sources of funding and lethal assistance that the terror group relies on to threaten Israel;

(7) warns against any other party hostile to Israel taking advantage of the current situation;

(8) reaffirms the United States' commitment to Israel's security; and

(9) stands ready to assist Israel with emergency resupply or other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support needs, both during the immediate crisis and in the near future, including by accelerating delivery of defense articles and systems.

#### SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this resolution may be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization for the use of military force.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 418—CONDEMNING HAMAS AND ANTISEMITIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BUDD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 418

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas invaded Israel, massacred at least 1,400 Israeli civilians, wounded more than 3,700 civilians, and took unarmed civilians as hostages;

Whereas at least 30 United States citizens have been killed, and at least 13 United States citizens are still missing;

Whereas Hamas has perpetrated barbaric atrocities, including the targeted killing, rape, and mutilation of civilian men, women, and children, including infants;

Whereas, in the wake of such horrific attacks, students at universities in the United States have praised and justified the actions of Hamas, expressed solidarity with the terrorists, and vocally supported the atrocities of Hamas, including the murder of children;

Whereas students at Harvard University wrote that they "hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence";

Whereas the President of the Student Bar Association of New York University School of Law wrote "to express, first and foremost, my unwavering and absolute solidarity with Palestinians in their resistance against oppression toward liberation and self-determination. Israel bears full responsibility for this tremendous loss of life";

Whereas students at the Ohio State University praised "our heroic resistance in Gaza who have shown the world yet again that the spirit of the Palestinian people cannot and will not be trampled, and that our resistance to Zionism and Western imperialism remains strong";

Whereas the University of North Carolina chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine claimed "it is our moral obligation to be in solidarity with the dispossessed, no matter the pathway to liberation they choose to take. This includes violence";

Whereas the New York University chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine rejected "peaceful discourse" and instead claimed "there is no peace in a colonized people living under occupation, subjugation, and apartheid";

Whereas the University of Virginia chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine declared

that the mass murder of civilians was "an unprecedented feat for the 21st century" and "a step towards a free Palestine";

Whereas Columbia University was forced to close its campus to the public after an Israeli student was violently assaulted;

Whereas students across the country have organized protests and vigils in solidarity with Hamas, praising the actions of the terrorist organization and chanting antisemitic slogans; and

Whereas the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has warned of increased threats in the United States by actors inspired by Hamas: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) fully and completely condemns the outrageous terrorist attacks by Hamas on the people of Israel, which resulted in the mass murder of civilians, including babies;

(2) denounces the rhetoric of anti-Israel, pro-Hamas student groups as antisemitic, repugnant, and morally contemptible for sympathizing with genocidal violence against the State of Israel and risking the physical safety of Jewish Americans in the United States;

(3) acknowledges that Israel has the right to exist and defend itself;

(4) emphasizes that Jewish Americans have the right to safety and security in the United States; and

(5) encourages the United States Government to fully and completely support Israel and its right to exist and defend itself.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 419—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 23, 2023, AS "NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY DAY"

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 419

Whereas, on October 23, 1972, the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) became law and ushered in a new era of ocean conservation;

Whereas the National Marine Sanctuary System is a nationwide network that conserves spectacular oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes;

Whereas communities across the United States can nominate their most treasured marine and Great Lakes waters for consideration as national marine sanctuaries;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries protect biodiversity, safeguard extraordinary seascapes, historic shipwrecks, and sacred cultural places, and provide abundant recreational opportunities;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries seek opportunities to partner with indigenous governments and communities to achieve shared conservation goals and to support the care-taking of ecological resources and cultural sites of indigenous peoples;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries protect vital habitats for countless species of fish and wildlife, including many species that are listed as threatened or endangered;

Whereas the conservation of marine ecosystems is vital for healthy oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes, for addressing climate change, and for sustaining productive coastal economies;

Whereas the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation and its partners work to protect and nurture the growth of the National Marine Sanctuary System;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries increase access to nature for all, support coastal communities, and generate billions of dollars annually in local communities by providing jobs in the United States, supporting commercial, Tribal, and recreational fisheries, bolstering tourism and recreation, engaging businesses in stewardship, and driving the growth of the blue economy;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries connect people and communities through science, education, United States history, recreation, and stewardship and inspire community-based solutions that help individuals understand and protect the spectacular underwater habitats, wildlife, archaeological resources, and cultural seascapes of the United States;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries are living laboratories that enable cooperative science and research that improves resource management and advances innovative public-private partnerships;

Whereas national marine sanctuaries can help make oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes more resilient by protecting ecosystems that sequester carbon, by safeguarding coastal communities from flooding and storms, and by protecting biodiversity;

Whereas the United States is a historic maritime Nation, and oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes are central to the way of life of the people of the United States;

Whereas engaging communities as stewards of these protected waters makes national marine sanctuaries unique and provides a comprehensive, ecosystem-based, highly participatory approach to managing and conserving marine and Great Lakes environments for current and future generations; and

Whereas October 23, 2023, is recognized as “National Marine Sanctuary Day” to increase awareness about the importance of the National Marine Sanctuary System and healthy oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes and to celebrate the many recreational opportunities available for the enjoyment of this network of protected waters: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 23, 2023, as “National Marine Sanctuary Day”;

(2) encourages the people of the United States and the world to responsibly visit, experience, recreate in, and support the treasured national marine sanctuaries of the United States;

(3) acknowledges the importance of national marine sanctuaries in supporting community resilience, protecting biodiversity, and increasing access to nature;

(4) recognizes the importance of national marine sanctuaries for their recreational opportunities and contributions to local and national economies across the United States;

(5) celebrates the ability of the National Marine Sanctuary System to protect nationally significant places in oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes;

(6) calls on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to partner with communities and to complete designations of new national marine sanctuaries; and

(7) encourages Federal agencies to balance priorities and work together to support the priorities of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.).

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 420—DESIGNATING BETTY K. KOED AS HISTORIAN EMERITA OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BAR-

RASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

#### S. RES. 420

Whereas Betty K. Koed will retire from the United States Senate after serving with distinction, first as Assistant Historian from 1998 to 2009, then as Associate Historian from 2009 to 2015, and then as Senate Historian from 2015 to 2023, the first woman to hold that position;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has dedicated her Senate service to preserving, protecting, and promoting the history of the Senate and its members;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has produced or directed production of numerous publications detailing the rich institutional history of the Senate;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has been instrumental in preserving, organizing, and making available to scholars the vast archival holdings of the Senate and its members;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has assisted in the Senate's commemoration of events of historical significance and in the development of exhibitions and educational programs on the history of the Senate and the United States Capitol;

Whereas Betty K. Koed has upheld the high standards and traditions of the Senate with abiding devotion and has performed her Senate duties in an impartial and professional manner; and

Whereas Betty K. Koed has earned the respect, affection, and esteem of the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That, effective October 21, 2023, as a token of the appreciation of the Senate for her long and faithful service, Betty K. Koed is hereby designated as Historian Emerita of the United States Senate.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 421—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15 THROUGH 21, 2023, AS “NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

#### S. RES. 421

Whereas chemistry is the science of the basic units of matter and, consequently, plays a role in every aspect of human life;

Whereas chemistry has broad applications, including in food science, soil science, maintaining water quality, energy production, sustainability, medicine, and electronics;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to improving the quality of human life and plays an important role in addressing critical global challenges;

Whereas innovations in chemistry continue to spur economic growth, create jobs, and have applications for a wide range of industries;

Whereas the practitioners of chemistry are catalysts of positive change in their communities and the world;

Whereas National Chemistry Week is part of a broader vision to improve human life through chemistry and to advance the chemistry enterprise;

Whereas the purpose of National Chemistry Week is to reach the public with educational messages about chemistry in order to foster greater understanding of and appreciation for the applications and benefits of chemistry;

Whereas National Chemistry Week strives to stimulate the interest of young people, including women and underrepresented groups, in enthusiastically studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and in pursuing science-related careers that lead to innovations and major scientific breakthroughs;

Whereas National Chemistry Week signifies the collaborative nature of science and promotes partnership between scientific societies, academia, industry, and the public;

Whereas National Chemistry Week highlights many of the everyday uses of chemistry, including in food, dyes, pigments, plastics, soaps, detergents, health products, and energy technologies;

Whereas the theme of the 34th annual National Chemistry Week is “The Healing Power of Chemistry”; and

Whereas students who participate in National Chemistry Week deserve recognition and support for their efforts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning on October 15, 2023, as “National Chemistry Week”;

(2) supports the goals and welcomes the participants of the 34th annual National Chemistry Week;

(3) recognizes the need to promote the fields of science, including chemistry, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and to encourage youth, including from underrepresented groups, to pursue careers in these fields; and

(4) commends the American Chemical Society and the partners of that society for seeking opportunities to engage with the public and for organizing and convening events and activities surrounding National Chemistry Week each year.