

Elmer jumped into action, helping make way for a lifeboat to detach from the sinking ship.

The entire crew boarded a rescue ship and was taken to Italy with no crewmembers lost. Elmer headed back to New York and again to another Liberty ship going to France to transport hundreds of victorious American soldiers back home.

Elmer was discharged in 1946, and returned to his wife, Hilda, and their Gretna farm.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary veterans of Virginia's Fifth District like Elmer Cocke, a living picture of the courage and patriotism that have kept our Nation free.

#### RECOGNIZING THE COURAGE AND BRAVERY OF CAPTAIN RILEY COON

(Ms. TOKUDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, on August 8, 2023, there were many heroes who exhibited courage and bravery as wildfires ravaged Maui and Hawaii Island.

Today, it is my honor to recognize one of those heroes, Captain Riley Coon, a third-generation mariner and co-owner of one of Maui's oldest family boating companies, Trilogy Excursions.

When the Coast Guard called for help, Riley and six other Trilogy captain and crewmembers answered the call, rescuing countless people who had jumped into the ocean to escape the flames, and transporting them to safety.

Battling 80-mile-per-hour winds, intense heat, and smoke, Riley saved lives as they conducted emergency rescues throughout the night and into the next morning.

For his courageous efforts, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society selected Riley from over 200 nominees nationwide as the 2024 Single Act of Heroism Honoree.

It is an award that is much deserved, and it serves as a reminder of the many everyday people who stepped forward and became heroes on those fateful days.

So, today, in addition to recognizing Riley, let us lift up and celebrate all of our heroes who risked life and limb and ran toward the flames to save the people and places they love.

#### CONDEMNING IRAN'S UNPRECEDENTED DRONE AND MISSILE ATTACK ON ISRAEL

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1149, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1143) condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1149, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 1143

Whereas, beginning on April 13, 2024, Iran for the first time ever launched a direct attack on Israel that included over 350 missiles and drones launched directly from Iran and its proxies toward Israel;

Whereas this direct attack on Israel followed: Iran-backed Hamas' massive, unprovoked attack on Israel on October 7 that killed over 1,200 people; months of cross-border attacks from Iran-backed Hezbollah into Israel from Lebanon; over 170 attacks on United States troops in the Middle East by Iran-backed militias since October; and months of Iran-backed Houthi missile and drone attacks on global shipping;

Whereas 99 percent of the projectiles fired at Israel were intercepted by Israel, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Jordan, minimizing casualties and other damage from this unprecedented, brazen attack by Iran;

Whereas Israel intercepted these missiles and drones using a variety of air defense systems and other defense articles, including many procured from or co-produced with the United States, demonstrating the vital importance of the United States and Israel's security partnership; and

Whereas Israel is a major non-NATO ally and Major Strategic Partner of the United States; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel;

(2) reaffirms and supports Israel's right to self-defense;

(3) stands with Israel as it defends itself against Iran's attack and seeks to re-establish deterrence against Iran and its proxies;

(4) fully supports Israel's right to respond to this aggression through military, diplomatic, economic, and other necessary means;

(5) calls on all countries to unequivocally condemn Iran's attack on Israel;

(6) commends the United States military, the United Kingdom, France, and Jordan for intercepting Iranian missiles and drones and thereby limiting the damage from this unprecedented attack on Israel;

(7) reaffirms the United States commitment to Israel's security, including through security assistance and defense sales;

(8) urges full enforcement of United States sanctions and export controls against Iran to impede Iran's nuclear program, missile and drone development, and funding of terrorist groups and proxies, including Hezbollah, Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad, the Houthis, and militias in Iraq and Syria; and

(9) stands ready to assist Israel with emergency resupply and other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees.

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KEAN) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KEAN).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, over the weekend, the world watched in horror as Iran launched over 350 drones and missiles at our ally and friend, Israel.

This attack confirmed our worst fears. The likely attack was openly discussed in the media for days before it occurred. For years, Iran had been threatening Israel and amassing a terrifying arsenal of missiles and drones. No one should have had any doubt that one day Iran would fulfill its longstanding threat of "death to Israel."

However, the fact that this unprecedented, escalatory attack was long expected does not make it any less terrifying. Were it not for close coordination between Israel, the United States, and other partners to successfully intercept these weapons, Israel and other countries in the region could have faced significant casualties and major damage.

Over the last 7 months, we have seen Iran's poisonous influence rip apart the Middle East. Iran-backed Hamas launched the massive, unprovoked October 7 attack on Israel that killed over 1,200 people. Hezbollah has fired thousands of rockets, mortars, and missiles into Israel. Iran-backed militias have launched over 170 attacks on American troops in the Middle East, and the Iran-backed Houthis have launched over 100 missiles and drone attacks on global shipping.

This is not just a threat to Israel. This is a threat to the United States and to all of our partners in the Middle East.

That is why this moment is of such tremendous strategic importance. Iran's proxies are testing the resolve of Israel, the United States, and the international community. We absolutely must restore deterrence against Iran to protect our vital national security interests in the Middle East. That means standing shoulder to shoulder with our friend and ally, Israel.

We are stronger together. Together, this coalition literally shot missiles and drones out of the sky, protecting cities and citizens alike.

Like some of my colleagues over the Easter recess, my wife, Rhonda, and I traveled to Israel and were able to see firsthand the impacts of the conflict on the people there. The resolve of the Israeli people is stronger than ever.

H. Res. 1143 makes a simple, clear statement that we stand with Israel and support Israel's right to defend itself and to restore deterrence, including by responding to this attack as appropriate. It also makes clear that our longstanding commitment to Israel's

security, including through arms sales and security assistance, is ironclad. Finally, it urges full enforcement of all of our sanctions against Iran and its proxies.

Madam Speaker, we must not forget that what Israel experienced over the weekend is, unfortunately, a reality of everyday life in Ukraine. Our adversaries are working closer together than ever before to undermine the American-led international order that has kept peace in the world since the Second World War.

Before the United States ultimately joined the war, Winston Churchill showed the world the fortitude to look into the face of authoritarianism. He declared that democracies of the world stand up for their beliefs, and they would endure.

We must project that same message today and in the future. Our allies and our partners are watching what actions this body takes. We must project that Churchillian confidence.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the gentleman from New Jersey's resolution, H. Res. 1143, condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel.

Like every Member of this body, I am horrified by Iran's direct attack on Israel.

In retaliation for Israel's targeted strike against two Iranian military generals in Damascus on April 1, Iran launched more than 300 drones and powerful missiles at Israel's population—Jews, Muslims, and Christians alike.

The great success of Israel's missile shield, codeveloped by the United States of America, and the combined forces of the U.S. military, France, the U.K., and Jordan, prevented significant death and destruction.

Our thoughts and hearts are with the young Israeli Bedouin girl, who is recovering today from injuries she suffered due to an Iranian projectile.

I stand strongly with the people of Israel and their defense against both direct and proxy Iranian attacks, and I support this resolution being offered by Representative KEAN.

Israel, of course, has the right to defend itself like any other country, but as a true friend of Israel, I encourage the Israeli Government to be smart and strategic as it considers its response, and I urge this body not to beat the drums of war.

As Secretary Blinken recently said, an escalation of the conflict is not in the United States' or Israel's interests.

Believe me, I really understand the rage felt by Israel toward the Government of Iran, a government hell-bent on wiping Israel off the map. The two generals whom Israel eliminated worked day and night to provide Iranian proxies the lethal materiel and strategy necessary to significantly harm the State of Israel.

I also understand the need for Israel to maintain strategic deterrence. Iran needs to know there will be serious consequences if it attempts to harm Israel. Deterrence serves to prevent an expansion of conflict.

I also understand the massive consequences of Israel and Iran descending into a broader war and what that would mean for the United States and the rest of the entire world. An expanded Israel-Iran war would distract from the ongoing conflict in Gaza, a conflict that must end, while ensuring the elimination of Hamas' military capabilities.

We still have challenges. We must free the hostages remaining in Gaza and achieve a humanitarian cease-fire. Famine and the current humanitarian catastrophe must be reversed at all costs. There must be a realistic plan for the future governance and reconstruction of Gaza, one that results in Palestinian control of the strip.

An expanded Israel-Iran war could also serve to drag the United States of America deeper into the conflict. As the ongoing debate on the supplemental should make clear, the United States already has a lot on its plate.

Madam Speaker, please remember that Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine remains unfinished business and that Ukraine is losing ground to Russian forces due to Donald Trump's interference in our emergency supplemental process.

The future of Europe is urgently—urgently—at stake. Already, there are dangerous conflicts simmering throughout the Middle East region, including continued attacks by the Houthis in Yemen against international shipping and U.S. military forces. China still has its sights set on Taiwan as China strengthens its relationship with both Iran and Russia.

An expanded war in the Middle East would put American soldiers deployed in the region in greater danger. It would harm the American middle class and global economies still clawing back pandemic-spurred inflation, just as our economy is beginning to rebound.

Are there those amongst us who think it is wise to open a broader war in the Middle East this week? Do we want to further encourage Iran to rush to build and test a nuclear weapon? Do we want to give Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping the satisfaction of the United States being bogged down in war?

China and Russia would love to see the United States embroiled and distracted in the Middle East as they continue their nefarious destabilizing objectives in Europe and the Indo-Pacific. We should not let that happen.

Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks where I started. We stand strongly with the State of Israel and its right to defend its people. Israel, without question, has the right to defend itself, and I hope that strategy and thoughtfulness rule the day, not rage and revenge. There is too much at stake.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY).

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, I stand in strong support of this resolution condemning Iran's unprecedented missile and drone attack on Israel.

However, it is important to note that for the people of Israel, attacks and threats from Iran are far from unprecedented. Every single day, the people of Israel face attacks from Iran's terrorist proxies that literally surround the State of Israel: Hezbollah, the Houthis, and, of course, Hamas.

We saw the consequences of Iran's massive support for these terrorist proxies play out in horrifying fashion on October 7. Now, with this latest unprecedented attack directly from Iran, we saw almost all of the missiles and drones intercepted. This is a testament to the strength and the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, both in terms of the partnership that has allowed Israel to develop such an impressive capacity to defend itself and in terms of the collaboration that was on display.

I am glad that we will soon have an opportunity to provide long overdue support for Israel in this time of such great importance for the region.

Something else, though, is equally important to note about what happened last weekend, and that is that you had regional allies, other countries in the region, also rally to Israel's defense. This is something the likes of which we have not seen before, and it speaks to the extraordinary success of the Abraham Accords to usher in a new era of peace in the region. This, of course, is exactly what Iran does not want. This is the reason for their desperation. They understand what is unfolding if they do not respond, if they do not somehow stand in the way of it.

This is a time not only for the United States to stand with our ally, Israel, but for every nation around the world that values peace, freedom, and democracy to do so as well.

I strongly support this resolution. I would hope it passes this House with strong, unanimous, bipartisan support.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, as people are here witnessing us speaking about how the attacks are all interconnected, Iran, Russia, and China all are seeking to do harm to our Nation and to the Western rules-based order.

It is extraordinarily important in these times that we show strength and unity of purpose. I am thankful that the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, supported this measure both in the Rules Committee as well as on the floor here

today. It shows the very strong importance of this resolution and our unparalleled support for the State of Israel and its right to defend itself.

We, as the House of Representatives, have the responsibility to pass—and I expect later this week we will—a strong foreign aid package that will support our opposition to Iran, Russia, and China, and make sure that we support the people who are fighting for their freedom in Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan to make sure that we have strong support of the American people. That is why it is important on a bipartisan basis that we work together to support this measure.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in sending a strong bipartisan and overwhelming show of support for the State of Israel by agreeing to this resolution.

Our allies and partners are closely watching this body's actions. We must send a clear message that we stand by our allies and our partners and are resolved against the adversaries and those who wish us all harm.

Madam Speaker, I urge the adoption of this resolution, and I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) and ask that she may control that time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Pennsylvania will control the time.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in sending a strong, bipartisan message, an overwhelming support for the State of Israel by agreeing to this resolution. Our allies and our partners are closely watching this body's actions, and we must send a clear message that we stand by our allies and our partners and are resolved against our adversaries and those who wish to do all of us harm. I urge the adoption of this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader. He is a strong supporter of the State of Israel. Time and again, he has led this floor in the support of one of our strongest allies in the world.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for leading this effort and for making sure all of our colleagues have the opportunity to stand with our friend, Israel, while they are at war.

We all know, starting October 7, Israel was attacked barbarically by one of Iran's proxies, Hamas, a terrorist organization. They went into Israel,

barbarically murdered Israelis and took hostages. Still to this day they have about 130 hostages, including some American citizens.

While this war to eviscerate the terrorist organization known as Hamas is going on, Israel then over the weekend faced an unprecedented attack directly from Iran. No longer is it only the proxies—whether it is Hamas, Hezbollah, or the Houthis, all who are supported by Iran—now Iran directly attacked with 300-plus drones and missiles to try to kill more Israelis.

Fortunately, of course, Israel and a coalition of the United States and other allies joined together to shoot down those missiles and drones. At the same time, Iran made it clear they wanted to attack Israel directly, which means Israel now is looking at how they properly respond.

During this time, again, a war that started—this idea of a cease-fire, the cease-fire ended when Hamas decided that they were going to go murder Israelis. Israel has a right to self-defense. This Congress has always stood by our friend, Israel, our greatest ally in the Middle East, a democracy.

They are always under attack. They have been under attack since their existence. They know how to defend themselves. When they respond—whatever choice the people of Israel make through their elected leaders—we need to express our support for that defense. That is Israel's right.

We saw September 11, but there have been other attacks on our homeland; of course, Pearl Harbor. When America is attacked, America responds. We don't have our allies calling us, saying: Don't respond. This is a time when the allies of Israel, including the United States, need to support Israel in their right to respond. Call out Iran, as this resolution does. Mr. KEAN has been very good about laying out the case for why we need to condemn Iran and their actions, but we also need to support Israel as they consider their options in how to properly respond to deter this from happening again.

It was unwarranted. It shouldn't have happened. We shouldn't just look and say: Well, all the missiles and drones were shot down, so everybody should just look the other way. They will keep trying until they kill innocent civilians.

Iran has always sponsored terrorism, and they have gotten away with it. We need to put sanctions back on Iran. They shouldn't be able to sell their oil on world markets, for example. Iran has made about \$60 billion in the last 3 years selling their oil on world markets. They shouldn't have that access. They use that money to sponsor terrorism, and now they are using that money directly to attack our friend and our ally, Israel.

While Israel is under attack, now more than ever we need to be unequivocal in our support for our friend, Israel, in their right to self-defense. God bless the people of Israel. We stand with

them. This resolution makes it very clear.

I thank, again, my friend from New Jersey for bringing this important piece of legislation. I urge its adoption, Madam Speaker.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

I stand by Israel and its right to defend itself and condemn in the strongest of terms Iran's direct attack on our ally. It is my hope that Israel listens to what many of its allies are saying and not take steps that lead us into a greater regional war.

As President Biden has said, our defense against Iranian threats to Israel is ironclad. We have Israel's back, and we will not yield to Iranian threats.

Madam Speaker, I support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close. I urge the adoption of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1149, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 42 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. VAN DREW) at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.

## CONDEMNING IRAN'S UNPRECEDENTED DRONE AND MISSILE ATTACK ON ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 1143) condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.