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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AFTER
THE OCTOBER 7, 2023, TERRORIST ATTACKS BY HAMAS

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, Ackerman, Noret, Chippendale, Finkelman,
Baginski, Solomon, Fenton-Fung, Perez, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: January 05, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, The Islamic Resistance Movement, better known by its acronym Hamas, is
2 a Palestinian Sunni Islamist group internationally recognized as a terrorist organization that was
3 formed in 1987; and

4 WHEREAS, Hamas has called for the destruction of the State of Israel in its founding
5 charter, and has sponsored and participated in terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians since that
6 time; and

7 WHEREAS, Hamas won a majority of the Palestinian Legislative Council in 2006 and
8 has served as the government of the Gaza Strip since 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, On the morning of October 7, 2023, Hamas initiated “Operation Al-Aqsa
10 Flood” and began firing over 5,000 rockets towards civilian targets across Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, The initial rocket attack was followed by the invasion of over 3,000
12 terrorists organized, trained, funded, and led by Hamas who infiltrated Israel through multiple
13 breaches in the Gaza border security barrier; and

14 WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorists immediately began attacking civilian and military
15 buildings, setting up ambushes for first responders on highways, systematically raping,
16 murdering, and kidnapping women, children, and men of Israeli and numerous other nationalities;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorists stormed a music festival taking place near Re'im,
19 murdering over 357 civilians, many of whom were trying to escape, and taking over forty others

1 hostage; and

2 WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorists infiltrated numerous Kibbutz settlements housing
3 families, where they systematically murdered, desecrated, burned, and raped victims, kidnapping
4 others; and

5 WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorists methodically moved from house to house in numerous
6 settlements, executing parents in front of their children, executing children in front of their
7 parents, decapitating the heads of babies, and in at least one case, murdering a visibly pregnant
8 woman and ripping her child out of her body, leaving the child to die; and

9 WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorists recorded their actions on first-person cameras and
10 other devices, showing them taking turns raping civilian women before executing them in cold
11 blood; and

12 WHEREAS, Over 1,200 innocent victims were murdered by Hamas on October 7,
13 including 14 children under the age of 10 and 25 people over the age of 80, and over 240 have
14 been taken hostage and held as human shields in the Gaza Strip; and

15 WHEREAS, In light of these tragic atrocities, Israel must take steps necessary to prevent
16 the horrific pogrom of October 7 to ever occur again; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 extends its deepest condolences to the people of the State of Israel and the families of the victims
19 of the October 7, 2023 terrorist attacks; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Israeli Ambassador to the United States,
22 Mike Herzog.

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