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Expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. KIRK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

Whereas Hamas was founded with the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel;

Whereas Hamas has been designated by the Secretary of State as a Foreign Terrorist Organization;

Whereas Hamas refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce violence, and accept previous agreements between Israel and the Palestinians;

Whereas Hamas has launched thousands of rockets and missiles since Israel dismantled settlements and withdrew from Gaza in 2005;

Whereas terrorists in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip have fired approximately 900 rockets and missile shells into Israel this year, an increase from roughly 675 attacks in 2011 and 350 in 2010;

Whereas Hamas has increased the range of its rockets, reportedly with support from Iran and others, putting additional large numbers of Israelis in danger of rocket attacks from Gaza;

Whereas, on November 14, 2012, President Barack Obama condemned the rocket fire from Gaza into Israel and reiterated Israel's right to self-defense; and

Whereas Israel, as a fellow democracy, has an inherent right to self defense in the face of terrorist attacks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses unwavering commitment to the
3 security of the State of Israel as a Jewish and demo-
4 cratic state with secure borders, and recognizes and
5 strongly supports its inherent right to act in self-de-
6 fense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism;

7 (2) reiterates that Hamas must end Gaza-
8 linked terrorist rocket and missile attacks against
9 Israel, recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce vio-
10 lence, and agree to accept previous agreements be-
11 tween Israel and the Palestinians;

1 (3) urges the United Nations Security Council
2 to condemn the recent spike in Gaza-linked terrorist
3 missile attacks against Israel, which risk causing ci-
4 vilian casualties in both Israel and Gaza; and

5 (4) encourages the President to continue to
6 work diplomatically with the international commu-
7 nity to prevent Hamas and other Gaza-based ter-
8 rorist organizations from retaining or rebuilding the
9 capability to launch rockets and missiles against
10 Israel.