

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 134

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SYNOPSIS

Recognizes Israel's right to use decisive force in defense of attacks and reaffirms State's strong support for Israel.

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As introduced.



1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** recognizing Israel’s right to use decisive
2 force in defending itself against attacks and reaffirming New
3 Jersey’s strong support for Israel.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Throughout the month of May, the State of Israel and its
6 citizens were under intense and consistent rocket and mortar attacks
7 from terrorist organizations Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad;
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9 **WHEREAS**, To counter the terrorists, Israel commenced a defensive
10 operation with the goal of disabling the infrastructure and
11 armaments of the terrorist organizations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The Biden Administration has stated “Israel has the right
13 to defend itself and to respond to rocket attacks”; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad were founded with
15 the stated goal of destroying the State of Israel; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad have been designated
17 by the United States as Foreign Terrorist Organizations; and

18 **WHEREAS**, These terrorist organizations have refused to recognize
19 Israel’s right to exist, agree to accept previous agreements between
20 Israel and the Palestinian Authority, or renounce violence; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Thousands of rockets and mortars have been
22 indiscriminately launched against Israel, including in major
23 population centers, in an attempt to kill innocent civilians, putting
24 hundreds of thousands of Israelis in danger; and

25 **WHEREAS**, To generate an anti-Israeli narrative around Israeli counter
26 attacks, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad intentionally locate
27 elements of their terrorist infrastructure in civilian population
28 centers, including hospitals, schools, and houses of worship, thus
29 using innocent civilians as human shields and tools for propaganda;
30 and

31 **WHEREAS**, Israel has undertaken every reasonable precautionary
32 measure to minimize casualties and needless suffering among
33 innocent civilians; and

34 **WHEREAS**, The spread of terrorism in the region threatens the life of
35 every person living in the Middle East and materially impacts the
36 safety of the United States’ own citizens; and

37 **WHEREAS**, It is therefore fitting and proper to express our
38 commitment to supporting the State of Israel, call on Hamas and
39 other terrorist organizations to cease all violence against Israel, and
40 express condolences for the innocent lives lost due to this latest
41 conflict; now, therefore,

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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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45 1. This House expresses strong support and unwavering
46 commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of
47 Israel, and recognizes its right to act decisively in self-defense and

1 its obligation to protect its citizens and end aggressions by terrorist
2 organizations Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

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4 2. This House reiterates that Hamas and Palestinian Islamic
5 Jihad must end the rocket and mortar attacks against Israel, and
6 verifiably dismantle their terrorist infrastructure.

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8 3. This House expresses condolences to innocent Israeli and
9 Palestinian-Arab victims and their families.

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11 4. This House calls on other American states to condemn the
12 Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist organizations and
13 recognize Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to protect
14 its citizens.

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16 5. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
17 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Israel's
18 ambassador to the United States and to each member of the United
19 States Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

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STATEMENT

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24 This resolution recognizes Israel's right to use decisive force in
25 defense from attacks from terrorist organizations Hamas and
26 Palestinian Islamic Jihad and reaffirms New Jersey's strong support
27 for Israel.

28 Throughout the month of May, the State of Israel and its citizens
29 were under intense and consistent rocket and mortar attacks from
30 Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The attacks endangered the
31 lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent Israelis.

32 To defend itself, Israel commenced a defensive operation with
33 the goal of disabling the infrastructure and armaments of the
34 terrorist organizations. There can be no question that Israel has the
35 right to defend itself from all terrorist threats and that Hamas and
36 Palestinian Islamic Jihad represent a continual threat to the people
37 of Israel.

38 Hamas and other terrorist organizations continue to neglect the
39 task of building a lasting, peaceful, and democratic Palestinian-
40 Arab nation, instead taking action to inflict pain and suffering on
41 others. For example, to prevent counter attacks and to generate an
42 anti-Israel narrative around Israeli counter attacks, Hamas and
43 Palestinian Islamic Jihad intentionally locate elements of their
44 terrorist infrastructure in civilian population centers, including
45 hospitals, schools, and houses of worship, thus using innocent
46 civilians as human shields and tools for propaganda. The spread of
47 terrorism in the region threatens the life of every person living in
48 the Middle East.

1 This resolution:

2 (1) expresses strong and unwavering commitment to supporting
3 the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel, and
4 recognizes its right to act decisively in self-defense;

5 (2) reiterates that Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist
6 organizations must end the rocket and mortar attacks against Israel,
7 and verifiably dismantle their terrorist infrastructure;

8 (3) expresses condolences to innocent Israeli and Palestinian-
9 Arab victims and their families; and

10 (4) calls on other American states to condemn Hamas and
11 Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist organizations and recognize
12 Israel's right to act decisively in self-defense to protect its citizens.