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4 ENROLLED, SJR138,

5 EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN ITS DEFENSE  
6 AGAINST TERRORISM IN THE GAZA STRIP.

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8 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of  
9 destroying the State of Israel; and

10 WHEREAS, Hamas has been designated by the United  
11 States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

12 WHEREAS, Hamas has launched thousands of rockets and  
13 mortars against Israeli population centers, since Israel  
14 withdrew its civilian population and its military from Gaza in  
15 2005; and

16 WHEREAS, Palestinian terrorists of the Islamic Jihad  
17 and Hamas have launched over 1800 rocket and mortars against  
18 Israeli civilian areas in 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Hamas has increased the range and payload  
20 of its rockets, reportedly with support from Iran and others,  
21 putting hundreds of thousands of Israelis in danger of rocket  
22 attacks from Gaza; and

23 WHEREAS, Hamas locates elements of its terrorist  
24 infrastructure in civilian population centers, thus using  
25 innocent civilians as human shields; and

1           WHEREAS, the democratic, Jewish State of Israel is a  
2 key ally and a strategic partner of the United States and  
3 friend and partner of the State of Alabama; and

4           WHEREAS, the State of Alabama plays an important  
5 role in the production of the Iron Dome missile defense system  
6 which has saved countless lives against rocket attacks by  
7 Hamas onto population centers in Israel; and

8           WHEREAS, Israel, a fellow democracy, has an inherent  
9 right to self-defense in the face of terrorist attacks; now  
10 therefore,

11           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the State of Alabama:

13           (1) Expresses vigorous support and unwavering  
14 commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State  
15 of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure  
16 borders, and recognizes its right to act in self-defense to  
17 protect its citizens against Hamas's unceasing aggression.

18           (2) Reiterates that Hamas must end the rocket and  
19 mortar attacks against Israel, recognize Israel's right to  
20 exist, renounce violence, agree to abide by previous  
21 agreements between Israel and the Palestinians, and verifiably  
22 dismantle its terrorist infrastructure.

23           (3) Encourages the Administration to work actively  
24 to support a durable and sustainable cease-fire in Gaza, as  
25 soon as possible, that prevents Hamas from retaining or

1 rebuilding its terrorist infrastructure, including the  
2 capability to launch rockets and mortars against Israel, and  
3 thereby allowing for the long-term improvement of daily living  
4 conditions for the people of Gaza.

5 (4) Condemns Hamas for deliberately embedding its  
6 fighters, leaders, and weapons in private homes, schools,  
7 mosques, hospitals, and otherwise using Palestinian civilians  
8 as human shields, while simultaneously targeting Israeli  
9 civilians; and to lay blame both for the breaking of  
10 the calm and for subsequent civilian casualties in Gaza  
11 precisely where blame belongs, that is, on Hamas.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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By: Senator Orr