

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

Reps. Lower, Berman, Maddock, Webber, Crawford, Howell, Eisen, Slagh, Chirkun and Calley offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage the Congress of the United States to
2 continue aid and support for Israel.

3 Whereas, The United States shares a strong and historic bond
4 with Israel rooted in a common belief in democratic values and a
5 shared interest in defending those values. Since the United States
6 became the first country to recognize the state of Israel in 1948,
7 those bonds have grown stronger and stronger; and

8 Whereas, Israel is a key strategic ally to the United States
9 and has been the United States' partner in fighting terrorism and
10 extremism in the Middle East. Joint military exercises,
11 intelligence sharing, and weapons development are just some of the
12 cooperative initiatives that have ensured the safety and security



1 of both countries; and

2 Whereas, The United States and Israel have formed an extensive
3 economic partnership to the benefit of both nations. The United
4 States is Israel's largest trading partner, and more than 2,500
5 U.S. companies operate in Israel. In turn, Israelis invest close to
6 \$24 billion in the United States. These endeavors cover a wide
7 range of sectors, from cybersecurity to biotechnology to energy;
8 and

9 Whereas, United States aid to Israel promotes the shared
10 interests of both countries. The United States provides around \$3
11 billion in aid annually. This commitment helps ensure that Israel
12 remains a stable ally of U.S. interests in the turbulent Middle
13 East; and

14 Whereas, It is important as an increasingly vocal minority
15 questions the relationship between the United States and Israel
16 that we remember the bonds that connect us and reaffirm our
17 nation's commitment to our long-time ally; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage
19 the Congress of the United States to continue aid and support for
20 Israel; and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
23 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
24 congressional delegation.

