

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

Reps. Hammoud and Aiyash offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to
2 enact policies that halt United States funding of the Israeli
3 military and encourage the end of the longest military occupation
4 in the world.

5 Whereas, The United States holds a duty to prevent human
6 rights violations committed by countries to which it distributes
7 aid. Military aid to foreign states is subject to several laws
8 including the Arms Export Control Act, the Foreign Assistance Act,
9 and the Leahy Law, which contain conditions of the receipt of aid
10 regarding the promotion and protection of human rights; and

11 Whereas, Internationally recognized Human Rights Watch, as
12 well as the leading Israeli rights group B'Tselem, identify and
13 recognize Israel as an apartheid state; and

1 Whereas, The United States has provided approximately \$146
2 billion in American tax revenue to fund Israel and its military
3 since 1948. The United States is expected to provide the Israeli
4 military an additional \$38 billion by 2028, of which Michigan
5 taxpayers will contribute approximately \$95 million annually; and

6 Whereas, Israel has unlawfully extended the jurisdiction of
7 their legal system and military authority by illegally expanding it
8 to internationally occupied Palestinian territories; and

9 Whereas, Israel has committed countless human rights
10 violations against Palestinian residents of all identities,
11 religions, and ethnicities in this effort to annex Palestinian
12 land. Violations include forced displacement of Palestinians in the
13 West Bank and East Jerusalem, theft of critical resources including
14 water and cultivatable land, economic exploitation, unlawful
15 detention of Palestinian children, and apartheid-style policies
16 that subject Palestinians to disparate and dehumanizing treatment
17 based on their Arab identity; and

18 Whereas, Recently and for decades the residents of Sheikh
19 Jarrah have been unlawfully and forcibly displaced from their homes
20 by the Israeli state as part of a long annexation effort that
21 amounts to the ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Palestinian
22 population from their homes; and

23 Whereas, The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner
24 has acknowledged that "transfer of parts of an occupying Power's
25 civilian population into the territory that it occupies is
26 prohibited under international humanitarian law and may amount to a
27 war crime."; and

28 Whereas, The United States continues to provide aid to the
29 Israeli military despite ample evidence and acknowledgement of

1 Israel's human rights violations; now, therefore, be it
2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
3 Congress of the United States to enact policies that halt taxpayer
4 funded aid to Israel, which supports the military detention of
5 Palestinian children; the unlawful seizure, appropriation, and
6 destruction of Palestinian property; forcible displacement, harm,
7 and killing of civilians in the West Bank; or any further
8 annexation of Palestinian land in violation of international law;
9 and be it further

10 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
11 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
12 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
13 congressional delegation.