

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

Senator Huizenga offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to support Israel, the long-standing partner of
2 the United States of America, and to clearly condemn the terrorist
3 attacks carried out by Hamas against the Israeli people starting on
4 Saturday, October 7, 2023.

5 Whereas, Beginning Saturday, October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists
6 launched unprovoked, cowardly, and heartless attacks against Israel
7 - particularly its civilians - during major holiday festivities.
8 These terrorists went house to house, slaughtering innocent men,
9 women, and children in their own homes, and searching for civilians
10 to murder, rape, and take hostage. They assaulted patrons of an
11 all-night music festival in southern Israel, shooting individuals
12 at point-blank range, looting their belongings, and abducting
13 partygoers. They have kidnapped scores of women, children, and the

1 elderly, including at least one Holocaust survivor. Hundreds have
2 died as a result of these terrorist attacks, including at least
3 eleven Americans and many of other nationalities; and

4 Whereas, The United States has a strong history of standing in
5 support of Israel, its people, and its democratic and cultural
6 values. The United States was the first country to recognize
7 Israeli statehood in 1948, and the two nations have maintained
8 close ties over the subsequent decades, especially concerning the
9 security of the state of Israel. This stands in stark contrast to
10 certain extremist regimes, which are providing financing and other
11 support for the terrorist organization Hamas; and

12 Whereas, Michigan has significant ties to the Israeli and
13 broader Jewish communities. According to recent census data, more
14 than 2,500 Israelis live in Michigan, and it is estimated that the
15 state's Jewish population is around 100,000; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the Senate, That we stand with the people of
17 Israel and fully support Israel's sovereign right to defend itself
18 with all power and all might, and to seek justice against these and
19 future terrorist threats; and be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
21 United States Chargé d'affaires for Israel, the President of the
22 United States of America, the President of the United States
23 Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the United States House of
24 Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional
25 delegation.