

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

Reps. Berman, Meerman, Griffin and LaFave offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to express support for the nation of Israel.

2 Whereas, Israel is a great democracy in the Middle East and a
3 force for good in the world. As a nation and a people, Israel and
4 Israelis exemplify courage and perseverance in the face of historic
5 oppression and ongoing hostility; and

6 Whereas, The United States shares a strong and historic bond
7 with Israel rooted in a common belief in democratic values and a
8 shared interest in defending those values. Since the United States
9 became the first country to recognize Israel in 1948, the United
10 States has repeatedly demonstrated its unwavering commitment to the
11 security of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state; and

12 Whereas, Israel is a key strategic ally to the United States

1 and has been the United States' partner in fighting terrorism and
2 extremism in the Middle East. Joint military exercises,
3 intelligence sharing, and weapons development are just some of the
4 cooperative initiatives that have ensured the safety and security
5 of both countries; and

6 Whereas, Israel has been under attack from forces that seek
7 change, not through the rule of law or peaceful protest, but
8 through missile strikes and other terrorist tactics against
9 innocent civilians within Israel. Israel has responded
10 appropriately and with great restraint to protect its people from
11 these heinous acts; and

12 Whereas, It is important as an increasingly vocal minority
13 questions the relationship between the United States and Israel
14 that we remember the bonds that connect us and reaffirm our
15 commitment to our long-time ally. An attack against Israel is an
16 attack against democracy; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express
18 support for the nation of Israel and acknowledge its restraint
19 militarily and socially amidst terrorist attacks and other
20 oppressive forces; and be it further

21 Resolved, That we express the sense of the House that the rule
22 of law must always triumph over terrorism and subversion; and be it
23 further

24 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
25 President of the United States, the President of the United States
26 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
27 the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the United
28 States Secretary of State, and the Ambassador of Israel to the
29 United States.