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Pingerelli; Senators Hoffman, Kern, Rogers, Shamp, Wadsack

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

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1           Whereas, the State of Israel was deliberately attacked by Hamas  
2 terrorists on October 7th, 2023, the third deadliest attack since 1970,  
3 based on the number of fatalities; and

4           Whereas, the people of Israel have endured the worst atrocities  
5 imaginable at the hands of Hamas terrorists and sympathizers; and

6           Whereas, Hamas terrorists have beheaded, raped and murdered in cold  
7 blood innocent women and children in Gaza and Israel; and

8           Whereas, Hamas terrorists have held hostage innocent civilians of  
9 Israel; and

10           Whereas, the State of Israel is the only true beacon of freedom and  
11 democracy in the Middle East; and

12           Whereas, if Israel were to lay down its arms there would be no more  
13 Israel; and

14           Whereas, if Hamas were to lay down its arms there would be peace;  
15 and

16           Whereas, in 2005 Israel completely left Gaza, removing all Jewish  
17 presence and giving land in exchange for peace with the Palestinians; and

18           Whereas, Israel had legal right, under international law, to this  
19 land, having gained the land from Egypt in a defensive war against several  
20 Arab countries in 1967; and

21           Whereas, instead of peace, Israel has experienced constant rocket  
22 attacks and Hamas has provoked wars over the last 15 years; and

23           Whereas, Hamas, a terrorist organization, is the ruling authority in  
24 Gaza and has controlled the region since 2007; and

25           Whereas, Hamas, and not Israel, has committed crimes against the  
26 Palestinian people, denying them basic rights such as water, electricity,  
27 freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of movement; and

28           Whereas, Hamas uses schools, mosques and apartment buildings as  
29 launch pads for its rockets, using its people as human shields and  
30 knowingly and deliberately putting them in harm's way; and

31           Whereas, all Israelis, irrespective of their race, gender, sexual  
32 orientation or ethnicity, have equal rights at every level; and

33           Whereas, Israel has been a strong ally to the United States in the  
34 global war on terror; and

35           Whereas, Israel's Iron Dome is paramount to the safety and security  
36 of the people of Israel; and

37           Whereas, parts of the Iron Dome are manufactured in the State of  
38 Arizona; and

39           Whereas, Israel has every right to defend itself from terrorists and  
40 those who wish to harm innocent people and the State of Israel.

41 Therefore

42 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
43 the Senate concurring:

44           That the Members of the Legislature continue to recognize and  
45 support the State of Israel in its efforts to fight against terror.