***In the Senate of the United States***,

*December 9, 2014.*

Resolved, That the resolution from the House of Representatives

(H. Con. Res. 107) entitled ‘‘Concurrent resolution

denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by

Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international

humanitarian law.’’, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENTS:**

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the use of human shields is unconscionable and morally

unacceptable;

Whereas since June 15, 2014, there have been over 2,000 rockets

fired by Hamas and other terrorist organizations from

Gaza into Israel;

Whereas Hamas uses civilian populations as human shields by

placing their missile batteries in densely populated areas

and near schools, hospitals, and mosques;

Whereas Israel dropped leaflets, made announcements, placed

phone calls, and sent text messages to the Palestinian people

in Gaza warning them in advance that an attack was

imminent, and went to extraordinary lengths to target

only terrorist actors and to minimize collateral damage;

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Whereas Hamas urged the residents of Gaza to ignore the

Israeli warnings and to remain in their houses and encouraged

Palestinians to gather on the roofs of their homes

to act as human shields;

Whereas on July 23, 2014, the 46-Member UN Human Rights

Council passed a resolution to form a commission of inquiry

over Israel’s operations in Gaza that completely fails

to condemn Hamas for its indiscriminate rocket attacks

and its unconscionable use of human shields, with the

United States being the lone dissenting vote;

Whereas public reports have cited the role of Iran and Syria

in providing material support and training to Hamas and

other terrorist groups carrying out rocket and mortar attacks

from Gaza;

Whereas throughout the summer of 2006 conflict between the

State of Israel and the terrorist organization Hezbollah,

Hezbollah forces utilized innocent civilians as human

shields;

Whereas al Qaeda, Al-Shabaab, Islamic State of Iraq and the

Levant (ISIL), and other foreign terrorist organizations

typically use innocent civilians as human shields;

Whereas the United States and Israel have cooperated on missile

defense projects, including Iron Dome, David’s Sling,

and the Arrow Anti-Missile System, projects designed to

thwart a diverse range of threats, including short-range

missiles and rockets fired by non-state actors, such as

Hamas;

Whereas the United States provided $460,000,000 in fiscal

year 2014 for Iron Dome research, development, and production;

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Whereas during the most recent rocket attacks from Gaza, Iron

Dome successfully intercepted dozens of rockets that were

launched against Israeli population centers; and

Whereas 5,000,000 Israelis are currently living under the

threat of rocket attacks from Gaza: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the

following:

**1** That Congress—

**2** (1) strongly condemns the use of innocent civil**3**

ians as human shields;

**4** (2) calls on the international community to rec**5**

ognize and condemn Hamas’ use of human shields;

**6** (3) places responsibility for the rocket attacks

**7** against Israel on Hamas and other terrorist organi**8**

zations, such as Palestine Islamic Jihad;

**9** (4) supports the sovereign right of the Govern**10**

ment of Israel to defend its territory and its citizens

**11** from Hamas’ rocket attacks, kidnapping attempts,

**12** and the use of tunnels and other means to carry out

**13** attacks against Israel;

**14** (5) expresses condolences to the families of the

**15** innocent victims on both sides of the conflict;

**16** (6) supports Palestinian civilians who reject

**17** Hamas and all forms of terrorism and violence, desir**18**

ing to live in peace with their Israeli neighbors;

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**1** (7) supports efforts to demilitarize the Gaza

**2** Strip, removing Hamas’s means to target Israel, in**3**

cluding its use of tunnels, rockets, and other means;

**4** and

**5** (8) condemns the United Nations Human Rights

**6** Council’s biased resolution establishing a commission

**7** of inquiry into Israel’s Gaza operations.

Amend the title so as to read: ‘‘A concurrent resolution

denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by

Hamas and other terrorist organizations.’’.

Attest:

Secretary.

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2D SESSION H. CON. RES. 107

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