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Reaffirming the support of the United States to our strongest ally in the region, Israel, and recognizing the authoritarian and extremist regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a threat to Israel, the region, the United States, and global stability.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2023

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. TRONE, Ms. WILD, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. MANN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LaMALFA, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mrs. HOUGHIN, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. LATTA, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BABIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. PALMER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the support of the United States to our strongest ally in the region, Israel, and recognizing the authoritarian and extremist regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a threat to Israel, the region, the United States, and global stability.

Whereas the State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948, and, 11 minutes later, President Harry Truman recognized the provisional Jewish Government as the de facto authority of the Jewish State;

Whereas, since the establishment of Israel in 1948, the State has faced a consistent threat to its existence by its neighboring Arab states, fighting seven recognized wars to ensure its survival, and still faces threats by hostile regimes to this day, in particular the Islamic Republic of Iran;

Whereas, since the inception of the State of Israel, the United States has remained a steadfast ally and has provided Israel consistent bilateral assistance and missile defense funding;

Whereas the relationship with Israel is a two-way partnership with the United States, with Israel sharing intelligence on terrorism threats, nuclear proliferation, and provision of cutting-edge technologies that have saved American lives as well as helping to shape the United States approach to homeland security;

Whereas leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran have historically called for the destruction of Israel, with the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei calling Israel a “cancerous tumor” that “will undoubtedly be uprooted and destroyed” in a speech on May 22, 2020, and Lotfollah Dezhkam, a representative for Ayatollah Khamenei, stated in a speech on October 1, 2021, “The global arrogance led by America with complicity of Israel seeks to delay the realization of an important issue, which is the destruction of the Zionist regime.”;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran has engaged in acts of aggression with Israel, executing a cyberattack on April 24 and 25, 2020, on water supplies in at least two locations in Israel, attacking an Israeli-owned commercial ship in the Indian Ocean on July 3, 2021, and providing weapons, training, and funding to its proxy terrorist group, Hezbollah, and also provides funding for Hamas

and other terrorist groups, which have continuously attacked Israel from both Lebanon and Syria;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran has continuously threatened the United States and, in 2021, sent members of the regime to kill Masih Alinejad, an Iranian-American human rights activist, on American soil;

Whereas, on March 23, 2023, a suspected Iranian drone attacked a coalition base in Syria, injuring four American troops, and according to the United States military, United States troops have been attacked by Iranian-backed groups roughly 78 times since 2021;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran has enough enriched uranium to build “several” nuclear weapons according to January 2023 reports from the United Nations, and reports from March 2023 show that Iran has allegedly made a deal with Russia to guarantee deliveries of enriched uranium; and

Whereas should the Islamic Republic of Iran build a nuclear weapon, Israel, the United States, and the world may be at risk of an unprovoked nuclear attack and increasing global instability: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the State of Israel as our strongest
3 ally in the region and reaffirms the support of
4 the United States for Israel to actively defend its
5 right to existence;

6 (2) stands firmly in defense of Israel and its
7 citizens; and

1 (3) believes the United States and international
2 community must ensure the Islamic Republic of Iran
3 does not build or acquire any nuclear weapons.

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