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10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF AN IMPORTANT ALLY OF THE UNITED**  
20     **STATES OF AMERICA**

30     **WHEREAS:** The United States of America's two most important allies in the world today are the United  
40     Kingdom and Israel; and,

50     **WHEREAS:** The group Hamas, which illegitimately seized power from Mahmoud Abbas and the Fatah  
60     movement, is correctly classified by the United States government as a terrorist organization, and has ties to  
70     Iran, Syria, and al-Qaeda; and,

80     **WHEREAS:** Israel has been under constant and unabated rocket bombardment from the terrorist group  
90     Hamas in the Gaza strip over the last several years; and,

100    **WHEREAS:** This bombardment has at times eclipsed the rate of 200 rockets per day, causing untold  
110    amounts of damage to the homes and property of private citizens and civilians; and,

120    **WHEREAS:** A perceived lack of casualties caused by these rockets owes more to fortuitous happenstance  
130    than a lack of malice or intent on the part of Hamas terrorists; and,

140    **WHEREAS:** Hamas deliberately stores weapons and bunkers beneath and inside schools, mosques, and  
150    hospitals, then fires on Israeli targets—both military and civilian—from those sites, forcing Israel to either  
160    retaliate or allow their citizenry to live under terror; and,

170    **WHEREAS:** Hamas has knowingly placed video cameras outside of their weapons sites to disseminate  
180    to the media as part of a deceitful propaganda campaign to stir public opinion against Israel; and,

190    **WHEREAS:** The Hamas terrorist group has listed as part of its charter—and on its public website—the  
200    penultimate destruction of both the state of Israel and Jewry, with their members and supporters worldwide  
210    chanting “Go back to the ovens” and “Death to all Jews” at rallies; and,

220    **WHEREAS:** Hamas will not even recognize the right of Israel or Jews to exist as a nation or race  
230    anywhere in the world, making negotiation impossible; and,

240    **WHEREAS:** Hamas and its allies have also threatened the safety of the United States of America and our  
250    allies, and similarly have declared war on our way of life; and

260    **WHEREAS:** Every country has the right of self-defense against an aggressor,

270    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the President and  
280    Congress of the United States, the Secretary-General and Security Council of the United Nations, and the  
290    nations of the global community at large to completely support and endorse Israel's recent military  
300    actions in Gaza as necessary for the survival of the State of Israel; and

310    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That members of the Global Community should cease and desist from  
320    providing material support in any form to Hamas and its allies, be they states, terrorist organizations, or  
330    political groups.

340    **MANDATES:** Barack Obama, President of the United States  
350                Joseph Biden, Vice President and President of the Senate  
360                Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
370                Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations  
380                The Member Nations of the United Nations Security Council

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