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Condemning foreign nationals in the United States who have endorsed and espoused the actions of foreign terrorist organizations (FTO) in Gaza who, on October 7, 2023, launched attacks against the State of Israel, and killed innocent Israeli and United States citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2023

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas submitted the following resolution

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Condemning foreign nationals in the United States who have endorsed and espoused the actions of foreign terrorist organizations (FTO) in Gaza who, on October 7, 2023, launched attacks against the State of Israel, and killed innocent Israeli and United States citizens.

Whereas entry into the United States for foreign nationals to study, work, and travel is a privilege and intended to benefit the national interest of the United States;

Whereas section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(VII) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i)(VII)) man-

dates that certain aliens be ineligible for entry into the United States, including anyone who “endorses or espouses terrorist activity or persuades others to endorse or espouse terrorist activity or support a terrorist organization”;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, members of the Iran-backed Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other designated FTOs from the Gaza Strip invaded the State of Israel in force by land, air, and sea;

Whereas Iran-backed FTO Hezbollah has taken responsibility for firing mortar shells and anti-tank missiles towards Israeli positions along the Lebanese border;

Whereas leaders of Hamas have openly thanked the Islamic Republic of Iran for its consistent provision of funding, weapons, and support in the weeks before the attack;

Whereas the terrorist invaders unleashed slaughter and cruelty against the residents of southern Israel, reminiscent of the worst pogroms of history;

Whereas the terrorists operated death squads tasked with exterminating Jews, as well as hostage-taking squads tasked with abducting Jews for ransom, propaganda, and torture, if not simply sadistic pleasure;

Whereas the terrorists murdered at least 1,300 innocent victims, including children;

Whereas the terrorists murdered at least 30 United States citizens;

Whereas the terrorists continue to hold hostage dozens of Israeli and United States citizens;

Whereas the October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks represent the deadliest and most savage assault on the Jewish people since the Holocaust;

Whereas students at our most elite colleges and universities, including foreign nationals, have celebrated this pogrom and blamed the Jews for their own slaughter at the hands of a savage enemy;

Whereas Hamas called for a “Day of Rage” on October 13, 2023, and some individuals in the United States have responded to this call and incited others to endorse and espouse Hamas’ actions against Israeli and American civilians;

Whereas there have been violent, anti-Semitic, pro-Hamas riots in the streets of South Florida, Washington, DC, New York City, Pittsburgh, Portland, Los Angeles, and other cities;

Whereas individuals, including foreign nationals, participating in these riots have made calls for intifada, decolonization, jihad, and other similar calls to eliminate the State of Israel; and

Whereas organizers and participants of these riots could include foreign nationals who are in the United States on visas: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) calls on the President of the United States
3 to enforce existing law to revoke visas and initiate
4 deportation proceedings for any foreign national who
5 has endorsed or espoused the terrorist activities of
6 Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, or

1 other FTOs that have participated in terrorist at-
2 tacks against Israel and United States citizens be-
3 fore, on, or after October 7, 2023;

4 (2) affirms that there is no equivalence between
5 the terrorism of Hamas and its backers, on the one
6 hand, and the military action taken by Israel in self-
7 defense, on the other;

8 (3) rejects anti-Semitism in all its forms and
9 guises, from full-throated Jew hatred to the subtle
10 anti-Semitism that holds the State of Israel to a dif-
11 ferent standard than any other nation; and

12 (4) commits to honoring the memory of the de-
13 ceased and never forgetting the unwarranted and
14 unjustified assault on Israel and the Jewish people
15 on October 7, 2023.

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