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To honor the Americans killed by Hamas terrorists and their affiliates on and after October 7, 2023, to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to seek legal justice on behalf of their families, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

To honor the Americans killed by Hamas terrorists and their affiliates on and after October 7, 2023, to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to seek legal justice on behalf of their families, and for other purposes.

Whereas, beginning on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists and their affiliates launched a coordinated and unprovoked attack against the State of Israel, murdering more than 1,200 people, wounding thousands more, and taking 251 hostages, including 12 Americans, into the Gaza Strip;

Whereas the Department of State has confirmed that at least 46 Americans were killed by Hamas and its affiliates in the attacks of October 7, 2023, one of the largest losses

of American lives in a single day since September 11, 2001;

Whereas the 46 Americans who were killed on October 7, 2023, that have been publicly reported as of the date of adoption of this resolution include the following victims:

- (1) Laor Abramov, 20.
- (2) Amitai Ben Zvi, 80.
- (3) Danielle Ben-Senior, 34.
- (4) Arnon Benveniste, 26.
- (5) Yona Betzalel Brief, 23.
- (6) Itay Chen, 19.
- (7) Etai Cohen, 22.
- (8) Giora Duvdevani, 81.
- (9) Cindy Flash, 67.
- (10) Itay Glisko, 20.
- (11) Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23.
- (12) Gad Haggai, 72.
- (13) Avraham Hankin, 38.
- (14) Yannai Kaminka, 20.
- (15) Hayim Katsman, 32.
- (16) Roi Yosef Levy, 44.
- (17) Deborah Matias, 50.
- (18) Adir Mesika, 23.
- (19) Smadar Mor Edan, 38.
- (20) May Naim, 24.
- (21) Adrienne Neta, 66.
- (22) Omer Neutra, 21.
- (23) Jonathan Rom, 23.
- (24) Ofek Rousso, 21.
- (25) Avraham Sasi, 65.
- (26) Ori Mordechai Shani, 22.
- (27) Sivan Sha'arabany, 21.
- (28) Yaron Ori Shay, 21.

- (29) Carol Siman Tov, 70.
- (30) Johnny Siman Tov, 36.
- (31) Arbel Siman Tov, 5.
- (32) Omer Siman Tov, 2.
- (33) Shachar Siman Tov, 5.
- (34) Amit Wachs, 49.
- (35) Igal Wachs, 53.
- (36) Danielle Waldman, 24.
- (37) Roey Weiser, 21.
- (38) Judy Weinstein, 70.
- (39) Itay Zafrani, 35.
- (40) Aryeh Ziering, 27;

Whereas the remains of several Americans killed on October 7, 2023, as well as the remains of another hostage killed in captivity, were held in Gaza, in some cases for more than 760 days;

Whereas seven Americans were released alive following diplomatic efforts in which the United States Government played a significant role across successive administrations, including Judith Raanan and her daughter Natalie Raanan, Avigail (Abigail) Idan, then four years old, Liat Beinon Atzili, Keith Siegel, Sagui Dekel-Chen, and Edan Alexander, the last living American hostage released May 12, 2025, after 584 days in captivity;

Whereas the safe return of these American hostages demonstrates what sustained, high-level engagement by the United States Government can achieve on behalf of Americans, and underscores the responsibility of the United States to continue to use every available diplomatic and legal tool on behalf of American hostages and their families;

Whereas the families of the American victims of October 7, 2023, continue to seek acknowledgment, accountability, and legal justice on behalf of their murdered loved ones, and have pursued that justice, including through litigation in the courts of the United States against those alleged to have provided material and financial support to Hamas and its affiliates; and

Whereas United States law provides American victims of international terrorism, and their families, with avenues to seek legal accountability in United States courts from those responsible for acts of international terrorism, and, where authorized by law, those who provide material support for such acts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors and mourns Americans who were
3 murdered by Hamas terrorists and their affiliates on
4 and after October 7, 2023;

5 (2) expresses its deepest condolences to the hos-
6 tages, as well as the families and loved ones of
7 American victims;

8 (3) condemns Hamas and its affiliates for the
9 murder of 1,200 people and the taking of 251 hos-
10 tages on October 7, 2023;

11 (4) commends the sustained diplomatic efforts
12 of the United States Government, across successive
13 administrations, in helping to secure the release of
14 12 living and fallen Americans taken hostage by
15 Hamas and its affiliates on October 7, 2023, and

1 urges the United States Government to continue to
2 use every available diplomatic and legal tool on be-
3 half of Americans held hostage, alive or deceased,
4 anywhere in the world;

5 (5) supports continued engagement from the
6 United States Government with the victims of Octo-
7 ber 7, 2023, as well as with their families; and

8 (6) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
9 mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Sec-
10 retary of State, for transmission to the families of
11 the American victims murdered by Hamas and its
12 affiliates on and after October 7, 2023, and to the
13 Americans taken hostage and subsequently released
14 and their families.