

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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Recognizing the importance of the economic relationship between the United States and Israel and affirming that trade facilitated by the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement is a tool to support the economy of Israel during the conflict with Hamas.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of the economic relationship between the United States and Israel and affirming that trade facilitated by the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement is a tool to support the economy of Israel during the conflict with Hamas.

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched violent and deadly attacks on Israel by air, land, and sea;

Whereas the United States and Israel have a longstanding economic and security relationship;

Whereas the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement was signed into law in June 1985 and was the first free trade agreement entered into by the United States;

Whereas, since the signing of the Agreement, total trade between the United States and Israel has grown more than sevenfold;

Whereas the United States is Israel's single largest trading partner;

Whereas the United States exported \$14,200,000,000 in goods and \$5,800,000,000 in services to Israel in 2022;

Whereas the United States imported \$21,400,000,000 in goods and \$9,200,000,000 in services from Israel in 2022;

Whereas the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement also underpins the robust exchange of capital between the United States and Israel;

Whereas Israeli companies directly invested \$10,600,000,000 in the United States during 2022, supporting more than 20,000 United States jobs; and

Whereas, following Hamas's atrocious attacks on Israel, maintaining and expanding trade and investment between the United States and Israel is paramount: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes that the economic relationship  
3       between the United States and Israel is strong and  
4       has benefitted both countries and the peoples of both  
5       countries;

6               (2) expresses support for the people of Israel  
7       and the economy of Israel in the face of Hamas's at-  
8       tacks against Israel; and

1 (3) affirms that—

2 (A) the United States-Israel Free Trade  
3 Agreement set the stage for robust growth in  
4 trade and investment between the United States  
5 and Israel; and

6 (B) the Agreement can similarly serve as a  
7 tool for supporting the economy of Israel during  
8 the conflict with Hamas.