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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On March 11, 2011, in the Israeli town of Itamar,  
3 five members of the Fogel family were brutally stabbed to death  
4 in their home: Father Udi, Mother Ruth, eleven-year old Yoav,  
5 four-year-old Elad, and 3-month-old Hadas; three of the Fogel's  
6 other children survived the attacks to see their parents and  
7 siblings murdered; and

8           WHEREAS, The al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militant  
9 political faction of the Fatah party, which is a member of the  
10 Palestinian Liberation Organization, claims responsibility for  
11 the attacks; Fatah's leader, Palestinian President Mahmoud  
12 Abbas, has denounced the attacks internationally as  
13 "despicable, immoral, and inhuman"; and

14           WHEREAS, Despite public condemnation of the attacks, the  
15 Palestinian government has done little to end the rhetoric of  
16 anti-Semitism prevalent among political youth movements such  
17 as the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade; and

18           WHEREAS, Two days after the horrific attack on the Fogel  
19 family, in a ceremony attended by Fatah leaders, the town of  
20 Al-Bireh renamed their town square in honor of Dalal Mughrabi,  
21 considered a martyr in Palestine for her role in organizing the  
22 1978 bus hijacking in which 35 Israelis and 10 of the

1 Palestinian hijackers, including herself, were killed; and

2 WHEREAS, The renaming of a public square after Mughrabi, a  
3 Palestinian militant who is reviled as a terrorist in Israel,  
4 so soon after the Israeli national tragedy provoked an uproar  
5 throughout the international Jewish community and imperils the  
6 tenuous relationship between the two countries further; and

7 WHEREAS, The White House has issued a statement condemning  
8 the terrorist attacks in Itamar and calling for the Palestinian  
9 Authority to hold the perpetrators accountable; therefore, be  
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we condemn the al-Aqsa  
13 Martyrs' Brigade for the Itamar murders of an innocent man and  
14 woman and of innocent children in an act of terrorism; and be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, We ask the Palestinian Authority to use every  
17 possible means available to bring the Fogels' killers to  
18 justice; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, We denounce the naming of the public square at  
20 Al-Bireh in honor of Dalal Mughrabi as a glorification of  
21 violence against the Israeli people; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, We ask the United States Congress and the  
2           President of the United States to condemn the naming of the  
3           Dalal Mughrabi public square as an anti-Semitic act; and be it  
4           further

5           RESOLVED, That we urge Israeli and Palestinian leaders to  
6           come together in the wake of these unspeakable crimes and find  
7           a meaningful compromise to end bloodshed in the region; and be  
8           it further

9           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10          delivered to the President of the United States, the Majority  
11          and Minority Leaders of the United Senate, the Speaker and  
12          Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives,  
13          the Consulate General of Israel, and the Consulate General of  
14          Egypt.