



Klein Votes to Stand with Israel

Supports bipartisan resolution recognizing Israel's right to self-defense

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today strongly supported a resolution recognizing Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza, reaffirming the United States' support for Israel, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Klein was a co-sponsor of the bipartisan resolution, written by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader John Boehner. The resolution (H.R. 34) calls for a ceasefire that includes requiring Hamas to stop firing rockets at Israel and the return of Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier who has been held captive by Hamas since 2006.

“Israel is expressing its inalienable right to self-defense against the barrage of rockets fired into its territory by Hamas in recent days, weeks and months,” Klein said. “Israel is taking decisive action to protect its citizens and borders, just as any sovereign government would do when it is attacked. Hamas continues to jeopardize any chance for security and put civilians in harm's way. We in South Florida stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our democratic friend and ally in the Middle East, and we remain committed to standing by Israel in her time of need.”

“As co-chair of the Congressional Taskforce Against Anti-Semitism, I am appalled that individuals in Fort Lauderdale, in other parts of the country and around the world have compared Israeli soldiers to Nazis, used Holocaust imagery, and invoked anti-Semitism in order to analogize Israel's actions to those of the Nazi Holocaust. Let's be clear: this is a disgusting perversion of history and is diametrically opposed to the standard of civil discourse we expect in the United States.”

In the coming days, Klein will attend rallies in support of Israel across his Congressional district. Klein will join local and international leaders at solidarity rallies in Boca Raton, West Palm Beach and Davie on Sunday, January 11.

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