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Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during October  
2023 attack on Israel.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. STEVENS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken  
during October 2023 attack on Israel.

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a brutal terrorist attack from Gaza into Israel and against the Israeli people;

Whereas, on October 16, 2023, the Israeli military confirmed that Hamas killed more than 1,400 people in the attack;

Whereas, on October 15, 2023, the United States Department of State confirmed that at least 30 Americans were killed in the attack;

Whereas, on October 16, 2023, the Israeli military confirmed that Hamas was holding 199 hostages in Gaza who were abducted during the attack;

Whereas Common Article 3 of the 1949 Geneva Conventions states that the taking of hostages is and shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever;

Whereas, on October 10, 2023, President Joe Biden confirmed that Americans are known to be among the hostages;

Whereas it is reported that children and senior citizens are among the hostages; and

Whereas Hamas has threatened to execute hostages and videotape the killings: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) condemns Hamas for its brutal attack on  
3       Israel;

4           (2) condemns Hamas for the taking of hos-  
5       tages;

6           (3) condemns Hamas for threats made against  
7       hostages;

8           (4) demands that Hamas immediately release  
9       all hostages and return them to safety;

10          (5) recognizes that the taking of hostages is a  
11       violation of international humanitarian law; and

12          (6) expresses sympathy to the hostages, wound-  
13       ed, deceased, and their families for this travesty to  
14       justice and personal hardship.