

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

Senators Nesbitt, Lauwers, Bellino, Outman, Bumstead, Hauck, Damoose, Theis, Johnson, Hoitenga, Huizenga, McBroom, Albert, Webber, Runestad, Victory, Lindsey and Daley offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to call on United States Representative Rashida
2 Tlaib of Michigan to resign her office.

3 Whereas, The country of Israel was viciously and heinously
4 attacked on October 7, 2023, by Hamas, a United States-designated
5 foreign terrorist organization. Thousands of rockets fired from
6 Gaza fell on Israeli buildings indiscriminately, killing people in
7 their homes and places of work. Armed terrorists on motorcycles
8 engaged in a massive door-to-door slaughter of civilians. Hamas
9 militants stormed Israeli beaches by motorboat. Paragliders
10 descended upon a music festival, where Hamas terrorists mowed down

1 hundreds of attendees with gunfire in the biggest civilian massacre
2 in Israeli history; and

3 Whereas, The casualties inflicted by this attack have been
4 horrendous. More than 1,400 people were savagely murdered in the
5 October 7 attacks, including at least 33 Americans, making it the
6 single deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust. Approximately
7 240 innocent people have been taken hostage by Hamas, including
8 senior citizens, people with disabilities, and 33 children,
9 including a 9-month-old baby; and

10 Whereas, United States Representative Rashida Tlaib, elected
11 to serve Michigan's 12th Congressional District in the 118th
12 Congress, has responded to these terrorist attacks in an
13 insensitive and inappropriate fashion. Representative Tlaib refused
14 to condemn Hamas in her initial response to the October 7 attacks.
15 In the wake of an explosion at a Gaza hospital, Representative
16 Tlaib irresponsibly shared Hamas propaganda blaming Israel, despite
17 U.S. intelligence assessments indicating that Israel was not
18 responsible for the blast. She has even defended the use of the
19 Hamas rallying cry, "from the river to the sea," which calls for
20 the eradication of the Israeli state and the Jewish people. The
21 Anti-Defamation League calls this phrase antisemitic and says it
22 has the effect of making members of the Jewish community feel
23 unsafe and ostracized. This is only the latest in a long line of
24 anti-Israel and antisemitic comments made by Representative Tlaib,
25 including calling Israel an "apartheid government"; and

26 Whereas, Representative Tlaib's hurtful comments and behavior
27 have been widely condemned by people of multiple faiths and elected
28 officials from both parties. Her statements have caused great pain
29 for untold numbers of Michiganders, including many of the over

1 87,000 Jewish Americans and 2,5000 Israeli citizens who call this
2 state home; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the Senate, That we call on United States
4 Representative Rashida Tlaib of Michigan to resign her office.