

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 793

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2023

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OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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.

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