**A Resolution to Support the Peace Process**

**WHEREAS**, United Nations Resolution 2334 has been approved; and

**WHEREAS**, current Israeli settlements have inflamed tensions between the Palestinians and the Israelis; and

**WHEREAS**, the current peace process has stalled; and

**WHEREAS**, Prime Minister Netanyahu has shown no interest in negotiating for peace within the two-state solution framework; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has previously held that settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are “obstacles to peace;” and

**WHEREAS**, current United States influences have not provided sufficient motivation for the Israeli government to engage in the peace process; and

**WHEREAS**, stronger rhetoric is necessary for the governments to begin to work together; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States believes that the current Israeli settlements are illegal, and that future settlements in the Palestinian Territories are incompatible with any peace process.