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## **KING SPEAKS UP FOR ISRAEL**

**Washington, D.C.** – Reiterating his unwavering support for the people of Israel, Iowa Congressman Steve King today gave the following address on the House Floor:

“I rise today in support of Israel’s security fence.

“Next month, the International Court of Justice at the Hague is scheduled to hold hearings on the international legality of Israel’s security fence, and it is my hope that the court will render Israel’s security fence a necessary measure to protect their people from those who believe that the path to salvation is paved by killing Jewish women and children.

“The construction of the temporary and defensive barrier is a legitimate means of protection, and the lawfulness or appropriateness of this measure is not the issue. At issue is simply the question of whether complex and contentious issues can and should be placed before the ICJ-- the UN should *not* be imposing their politics on the sovereign nation of Israel.

“The International Court of Justice has been acting in an anti-Semitic, anti-capitalistic, and anti-self defense manner. The Court does not mention the fact that Israel is building the security fence to protect Israelis from over 20,000 attacks and that they have the right of self-defense. The attacks are the result of the Palestinian leadership’s failure to take measures to prevent terrorism. Furthermore, the Palestinian government glorifies homicide bombers as martyrs. Yasser Arafat, the Agent of Terror, is still calling the shots and is a clear obstacle to President Bush’s Roadmap to Peace.

“Congress must send a powerful and clear signal to the UN and to the Palestinian Authority that the United States will not allow either to compromise the freedom and safety of the Jewish people.”

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