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Weldon Statement on House Resolution Supporting Israel's Security

(Washington, D.C.) - U.S. Representative Dave Weldon issued the following statement regarding his support of House Concurrent Resolution 460, supporting Israel's security and strongly endorsing the principles laid out by President Bush in his April 14, 2004, letter to Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon. Bush's letter stated that Israel has a right to security and to defend itself against terrorist attacks. The letter also supports Sharon's efforts to withdraw from Palestinian territories. Rep. Weldon's statement follows:

"I strongly support America's commitment to Israel. Like the United States, Israel has a full right to defend itself against all terrorist activities directed against its people. We should work with the international community to ensure that Palestinian organizations fight terrorism within lands under their control.

"Approval of this resolution sends a clear message that no final agreement between Israel and the Palestinians should depend on a return to the 1949 lines. We must work with our allies to defeat terrorism as we work for peace in the Middle East."

H.Con.Res. 460 also supports efforts with the international community to build the capacity and will of Palestinian institutions to fight terrorism and dismantle terrorist organizations. The resolution states that areas from which Israel has withdrawn should not be allowed to pose a threat to Israel's security.

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