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House Resolution

A resolution to strongly encourage all executive agencies of the State of Florida, all law enforcement agencies, and all local governments in this state to suspend contact and outreach activities with the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has suspended all formal contacts with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) due to evidence demonstrating a relationship between CAIR and Hamas, designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States Department of State and the monsters behind the brutal attack on the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, indiscriminately raping, torturing, and killing over 1,200 innocent persons, including Israelis, Americans, and other nationals, among whom were babies and Holocaust survivors, and taking 240 Israelis, Americans, and other civilians as hostages, and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists and their allies have launched over 11,500 rockets into southern and central Israel, the sole goal of which was to kill Israeli civilians and

WHEREAS, Hamas and Iranian leadership have called for the extermination of Israelis, Americans, Jews, and Christians

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25 | around the world and the establishment of a global Islamic
26 | caliphate, and

27 | WHEREAS, the stated goal of Hamas and its allies is the
28 | complete and total destruction of the State of Israel and the
29 | Jewish people, and

30 | WHEREAS, in the federal criminal prosecutions of persons
31 | involved with the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and
32 | Development, the largest successful prosecution of terrorism
33 | financing in our country's history, CAIR was identified as an
34 | associate of the Muslim Brotherhood and was named an unindicted
35 | co-conspirator in the trial, and

36 | WHEREAS, CAIR, soon after opening its first office in
37 | Washington, D.C., received a grant from the Holy Land Foundation
38 | for Relief and Development, a charitable organization that was
39 | closed and was designated a Specially Designated Global
40 | Terrorist by the United States Department of the Treasury for
41 | funding jihadist terrorist organizations, and

42 | WHEREAS, in 2009, Ghassan Elashi, who was a member of the
43 | founding board of directors of the Texas branch of CAIR and a
44 | leader of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development,
45 | was sentenced to a total of 65 years in prison after being
46 | convicted of 10 counts of conspiracy to provide, and the
47 | provision of, material support to a designated foreign terrorist
48 | organization; 11 counts of conspiracy to provide, and the
49 | provision of, funds, goods, and services to a Specially

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50 Designated Terrorist as determined by the United States
51 Secretary of the Treasury; 10 counts of conspiracy to commit,
52 and the commission of, money laundering; 1 count of conspiracy
53 to impede and impair the Internal Revenue Service; and 2 counts
54 of filing a false tax return, and

55 WHEREAS, in October, 2000, at a large CAIR rally in
56 Washington DC, featured speaker Abdurahman Alamoudi, later a
57 convicted terrorist and Al Qaeda financier, publicly expressed
58 support for both Hamas and Hezbollah as the crowd cheered him
59 on, and

60 WHEREAS, Randall Todd Royer, also known as Ismail Royer,
61 who served as a communications specialist and civil rights
62 coordinator for CAIR and trained with and set up an Internet-
63 based newsletter for Lashkar-e-Taiba, an al Qaeda-tied Kashmir
64 organization that is listed on the United States Department of
65 State's international terror list, was also indicted on charges
66 of conspiring to help al Qaeda and the Taliban battle American
67 troops fighting in Afghanistan and was sentenced to 20 years in
68 prison on April 9, 2004, and

69 WHEREAS, in September 2003, CAIR's former community affairs
70 director, Bassem Khafagi, pleaded guilty to 3 federal counts of
71 bank and visa fraud, and agreed to be deported to Egypt after he
72 had funneled money to activities supporting terrorism and had
73 published material advocating suicide attacks against the United

74 States, illegal activities that took place while he was employed
 75 by CAIR, and

76 WHEREAS, Rabih Haddad, the Ann Arbor, Michigan-based CAIR
 77 fundraiser, was arrested on terrorism-related charges and was
 78 deported from the United States due to his work as Executive
 79 Director of the Global Relief Foundation, which in October 2002
 80 was closed by the United States Department of the Treasury for
 81 financing al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations, and,

82 WHEREAS, in March 2011, Muthanna al-Hanooti, a director
 83 within CAIR, was sentenced to a year in federal prison for
 84 violating United States sanctions against Iraq under Saddam
 85 Hussein, and

86 WHEREAS, United States ally, the United Arab Emirates,
 87 officially designated CAIR as a terrorist organization in 2014,
 88 and

89 WHEREAS, in 2014, CAIR honored convicted terrorist and
 90 Palestinian Islamic Jihad financier Sami Al Arian and in 2020
 91 CAIR-Florida featured Al Arian in its livestream interview
 92 series. A former professor at the University of South Florida,
 93 Al Arian was convicted in 2006 of providing material support for
 94 a designated terrorist organization, Palestinian Islamic Jihad,
 95 and was deported after serving his prison sentence, and

96 WHEREAS, Zainab Chaudry, Executive Director of the Council
 97 on American-Islamic Relations - Maryland Office, was suspended
 98 from the Maryland Commission on Hate Crimes Response and

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99 | Prevention by Maryland's Attorney General on November 21, 2023,
100 | following multiple social media posts, including one comparing
101 | Israel to Nazi Germany with the comment, "That moment when you
102 | become what you hated most," and

103 | WHEREAS, On November 24, 2023, Speaking at the American
104 | Muslims for Palestine convention in Chicago, CAIR Executive
105 | Director Nihad Awad proclaimed: "The people of Gaza only decided
106 | to break the siege, the walls of the concentration camp, on
107 | October 7. And yes, I was happy to see people breaking the siege
108 | and throwing down the shackles of their own land, and walk free
109 | into their land, which they were not allowed to walk in. And
110 | yes, the people of Gaza have the right to self-defense, have the
111 | right to defend themselves, and yes, Israel, as an occupying
112 | power, does not have that right to self-defense," NOW,
113 | THEREFORE,

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115 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
116 | Florida:

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118 | That all executive agencies of the State of Florida, all
119 | law enforcement agencies, and all local governments in this
120 | state are strongly encouraged to suspend contact and outreach
121 | activities with the Council on American-Islamic Relations.