

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 94**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**212th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Calls on UN to help free three Israeli soldiers held captive by Hezbollah in violation of international law.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **A SENATE RESOLUTION** calling on the United Nations to take  
2    action to help free three Israelis held captive in violation of  
3    international law.

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5   **WHEREAS**, In the summer of 2006, Sergeant Ehud Goldwasser and  
6    Sergeant Eldad Regev, two reservists in the Israeli Defense Force,  
7    were kidnapped from within Israel, presumably by soldiers from the  
8    militant Islamic group Hezbollah, and Corporal Gilad Shalit, a  
9    soldier in the Israeli Defense Force, was kidnapped by Hamas; and

10   **WHEREAS**, Hezbollah's refusal to return the Israelis was one of the  
11    reasons that Israeli military forces and Hezbollah clashed in  
12    southern Lebanon last summer; and

13   **WHEREAS**, The kidnapping and continued holding of Goldwasser,  
14    Regev and Shalit is in violation of long-accepted international  
15    agreements; and

16   **WHEREAS**, Neither the International Red Cross, nor the families of  
17    Goldwasser and Regev, have been able to contact them or receive  
18    assurances that they are well or even alive; and

19   **WHEREAS**, The International Red Cross and the Shalit family have not  
20    been able to contact or see him, despite the arrival of a letter from  
21    the soldier acknowledging his capture; and

22   **WHEREAS**, This cruel and unlawful treatment has prompted political  
23    leaders in Israel and the United States to call for the soldiers'  
24    release; and

25   **WHEREAS**, American Jewish organizations, including many here in  
26    New Jersey, have undertaken a campaign to collect one million  
27    signatures demanding the immediate release of Goldwasser, Regev  
28    and Shalit; and

29   **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper for this House to take note of the  
30    treatment of these three Israelis and call on the United Nations to  
31    take action to help end their illegal detainment; now, therefore,

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33    **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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35    1. This House calls on the United Nations to take action to help  
36    free three Israelis held captive in violation of international law.

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38    2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the  
39    President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall  
40    be transmitted to United Nations General Secretary Ban Ki-Moon.

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STATEMENT

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45    This Senate Resolution calls on the United Nations to take action  
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47    law.