

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 94

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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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
46 to help free three Israelis held captive in violation of international
47 law.