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H. R. No. 313

Representative Forhan

A RESOLUTION

To condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin for his 1
support of Hamas and for allowing a Hamas 2
delegation to visit Moscow. 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, On October 6, 2023, Hamas, which governs Gaza, 4
committed a brutal terrorist attack in Israel, slaughtering 5
innocent civilians; and 6

WHEREAS, A delegation of Hamas arrived in Moscow on October 7
26, 2023, and met with Mikhail Bogdanov, Russian Deputy Foreign 8
Minister and President Vladimir Putin's Special Representative 9
for the Middle East; and 10

WHEREAS, This Hamas delegation was the third to visit 11
Moscow in the past year. Marzouk has regularly met with Bogdanov 12
and the Russian foreign minister, Sergei Lavrov; and 13

WHEREAS, Senior Hamas member Moussa Abu Marzouk was among 14
those attending the talks; and 15

WHEREAS, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani, 16
Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, was also in Moscow that day; 17
and 18

WHEREAS, Russian foreign ministry officials have met Hamas 19

delegations since 2006, when Hamas contested elections and then 20
expelled the rival Palestinian movement Fatah; and 21

WHEREAS, During the battle for Gaza in 2007, Hamas fighters 22
took control of the Gaza Strip, while Fatah officials were 23
either taken as prisoners, executed, or expelled; and 24

WHEREAS, The October 26, 2023, visit took place as Russia 25
appears to have aligned with Hamas and its ally Iran in a 26
growing global divide between east and west; and 27

WHEREAS, The Russian government has repeatedly blamed the 28
current crisis on the failure of United States diplomacy; now 29
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 31
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of 32
Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, condemn Russian President 33
Vladimir Putin for his support of Hamas and for allowing a Hamas 34
delegation to visit Moscow; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 37
President of the United States, the United States Secretary of 38
State, members of the Armed Services Committees of the United 39
States House of Representatives and Senate, Russian President 40
Vladimir Putin, the Russian embassy in the United States, and 41
the news media of Ohio. 42