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# S. RES. 234

Affirming the United States commitment to the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and noting that Israeli annexation of territory in the West Bank would undermine peace and Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2019

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. UDALL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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# RESOLUTION

Affirming the United States commitment to the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and noting that Israeli annexation of territory in the West Bank would undermine peace and Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state.

Whereas longstanding United States policy has recognized that a two-state solution to achieve peace between the Israelis and Palestinians would serve as the best hope for peace and security in the region;

Whereas roadmaps for peace outlined by President Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush, and President Barack Obama reflected the bipartisan United States policy pro-

moting a negotiated two-state solution that supports the self-determination of both Israelis and Palestinians;

Whereas successive United States administrations of different political parties identified settlement expansion as an impediment to peace;

Whereas Israel's status as a Jewish and democratic state has been indispensable to its national identity throughout its history;

Whereas Israel has built and maintained relationships with its Arab neighbors;

Whereas ongoing security coordination between Israelis and Palestinians promotes stability;

Whereas deep United States-Israel cooperation provides significant mutual benefit to the security and prosperity of both countries and strengthens the unbreakable bond between the people of each country; and

Whereas any resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must guarantee Israel's security: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) the policy of the United States should be to  
3       preserve conditions conducive to a negotiated two-  
4       state solution;

5               (2) United States efforts to promote peace be-  
6       tween the Israelis and Palestinians should explicitly  
7       endorse a two-state solution as the goal of any proc-  
8       ess to resolve the conflict's core issues;

9               (3) unilateral annexation of portions of the  
10      West Bank would jeopardize prospects for a two-

1 state solution, harm Israel's relationship with its  
2 Arab neighbors, threaten Israel's Jewish and demo-  
3 cratic identity, and undermine Israel's security; and  
4 (4) a two-state solution is the best hope to pre-  
5 serve Israel's Jewish and democratic nature while  
6 fulfilling the Palestinians' right to self-determina-  
7 tion, creating a foundation for just and durable  
8 peace and prosperity.

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