

## 1/09/2009- Congressman Sires Supports House Resolution 34 Reaffirming Strong Support for Israel

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"It is my hope that the international community can work together to ensure a ceasefire that is recognized by all in the region. In the interim, we must address the current humanitarian crisis in Gaza inflicted on the Palestinian people due to actions taken by Hamas," said Congressman Sires. "Having traveled to Israel and seeing the fear on the faces of children and families, we must support every effort towards a peaceful solution to this conflict."

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