

By Senator Hays

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians, alike, as presenting the acts and words of God, and

WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history, and

WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the State of Israel was a binding resolution under international law, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including areas of Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem, and

WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which already existed under international instruments, and, therefore, the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately, and

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30 WHEREAS, Israel declared its independent control and
31 governance of these lands on May 14, 1948, with the goal of
32 reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized lands as a
33 homeland for the Jewish people, and

34 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country
35 to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's
36 principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial
37 relationship with Israel and her people, and

38 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the
39 United States in the Middle East and the values of our two
40 nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one
41 from the other, and

42 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have
43 continually sought to destroy Israel, from the time of its
44 inception as a state, and those same haters of Israel also hate,
45 and seek to destroy, the United States, and

46 WHEREAS, the State of Florida and Israel have enjoyed
47 cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a
48 friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year,
49 NOW, THEREFORE,

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51 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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53 That the members of the Senate commend Israel for its
54 cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United
55 States and with the State of Florida and support Israel in its
56 legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance
57 and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, recognizing
58 that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the

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59 lands of others, and that peace can be afforded the region only
60 through a whole and united Israel governed under one law for all
61 people.