

By Senator Book

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating February 29, 2024, as "Israel Day at the Capitol."

WHEREAS, for seven decades, the United States and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of friendship and mutual respect, and

WHEREAS, Florida has long had large and vibrant Israeli and Jewish communities, and

WHEREAS, student groups from universities across the state, including NolePac at Florida State University, have worked diligently to combat antisemitism on campus and strengthen the United States-Israel alliance, and

WHEREAS, in May 2019, more than 20 strategic partnerships and memoranda of understanding were established between entities in Florida and Israel, including agreements between leading universities and an extension of the Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership in which Space Florida entered into pioneering bilateral partnership with the Israel Innovation Authority to support joint aerospace research and development projects, and

WHEREAS, Florida benefits economically from the partnership with Israel, with more than \$400 million in exports from Florida to Israel in 2022, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has had a longstanding alliance with the State of Israel, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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30 That the Florida Senate designates February 29, 2024, as
31 "Israel Day at the Capitol."