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A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for the Nation of Israel and for its right to
2 live in peace and to defend itself; and commending Israel for
3 its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the
4 United States and with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish
6 people and, despite Jewish exile, the land has remained the
7 place where their religious, spiritual and national identity of
8 the Nation of Israel was formed; and

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

13 WHEREAS, As the grantor of those lands, God stated to the
14 Jewish people in the Old Testament, from Leviticus, Chapter 20,
15 Verse 24: "Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto
16 you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey"; and

17 WHEREAS, The legal basis for the establishment of the State
18 of Israel was a binding resolution under international law,

1 which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922
2 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the Congress of the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, That resolution affirmed the establishment of a
5 national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of
6 the Land of Israel, including areas of Judea, Samaria and
7 Jerusalem; and

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

15 WHEREAS, The Nation of Israel declared its independent
16 control and governance of those lands on May 14, 1948, with the
17 goal of reestablishing their God-given lands as a homeland for
18 the Jewish people; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States of America was the first country
20 to recognize Israel as an independent nation in 1948; and

21 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United
22 States in the Middle East, and the values of our two nations and
23 destinies are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate
24 one from the other; and

25 WHEREAS, Israel and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have
26 enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a
27 friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob promises in
30 Genesis 12:3 to bless those that bless Israel; and

1 WHEREAS, United Nations Security Council Resolution 242
2 (1967) recognized Israel's "right to live in peace within secure
3 and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force";
4 and

5 WHEREAS, There are those in the Middle East who have
6 continually sought to destroy Israel from the time of its
7 inception as a state, and those same haters of Israel also hate
8 and seek to destroy the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Israel faces continued threats to its safety and
10 security today from Iran and others in the Middle East region;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 express support for the Nation of Israel and for its right to
14 live in peace and to defend itself; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial
17 relationship with the United States and with the Commonwealth of
18 Pennsylvania and support Israel in its legal, historical, moral
19 and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the
20 entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an
21 attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others and that
22 peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united
23 Israel governed under one law for all people; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of
26 Congress from Pennsylvania and the Ambassador of Israel to the
27 United States.