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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Extending sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the families  
2 of the three Israeli teenagers who were kidnapped and  
3 murdered.

4 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2014, three Israeli teenagers, Eyal  
5 Yifrach, Gilad Shaar and Naftali Fraenkel, were abducted while  
6 they traveled home from school in Gush Etzion; and

7 WHEREAS, Naftali Fraenkel holds United States citizenship;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, On June 30, 2014, after 18 days of intense searches  
10 the teens' bodies were found in a field near Hebron; and

11 WHEREAS, The abductions outraged Israel as well as the  
12 international community, and several vigils and rallies were  
13 held around the United States during the intensive search; and

14 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama called the killings of the  
15 teens a "senseless act of terror" and stated, "The United States  
16 condemns in the strongest possible terms this senseless act of  
17 terror against innocent youth."; and

18 WHEREAS, The murders of these three teenagers are part of a

1 recent cycle of violence in Israel involving murder and assault  
2 of young people; and

3 WHEREAS, Israel and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have  
4 enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a  
5 friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year;  
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate express its full support and  
8 friendship as the people of Israel deal with this tragedy; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate support Israel's efforts to find  
11 the perpetrators of these crimes and bring them to justice; and  
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate extend sympathies and heartfelt  
14 condolences to the families of the three Israeli teenagers, Eyal  
15 Yifrach, Gilad Shaar and Naftali Fraenkel, who were kidnapped  
16 and murdered.