

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 414 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, RAPP, K. BOYLE, ROZZI, MUNDY, COHEN, SACCONI, MILLARD, DIGIROLAMO, AUMENT, BARRAR, SCHLOSSBERG, NEILSON, YOUNGBLOOD, B. BOYLE, CALTAGIRONE, BLOOM, ROCK, CUTLER, READSHAW, SANKEY, FLECK, GODSHALL, DENLINGER, QUINN, GINGRICH, TALLMAN, SWANGER, METCALFE, MILNE, D. COSTA, R. MILLER, GILLEN, COX, MURT AND WATSON, JULY 26, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 26, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States and urging the
 2 President of the United States to maintain steadfast support
 3 for the State of Israel and expressing vigorous support and
 4 unwavering commitment to the welfare, security and survival
 5 of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with
 6 secure borders.

7 WHEREAS, There have been established and recognized Jewish
 8 communities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since
 9 the early nineteenth century and in 1846, the first Jewish
 10 congregation was formed in Pennsylvania, located in Pittsburgh,
 11 known as "Etz-Chayim"; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States of America and the State of Israel
 13 have a long history of friendship and are great allies in
 14 support of each other's interests; and

15 WHEREAS, On January 9, 2009, the 111th Congress passed House
 16 Resolution 34 with overwhelming support which recognized
 17 Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza,
 18 passing with 390 votes "yea", 5 votes "nay", 22 voting "present"

1 and 16 not voting; and

2 WHEREAS, The God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob promised in
3 Genesis 12:3 to bless those that bless Israel, through the
4 promise He made to Abraham, as follows: "And I will bless them
5 that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee
6 shall all the families of the earth be blessed"; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Israel and the United States each
8 continue to experience terrorist attacks on innocent civilians,
9 as well as our military personnel, as a result of suicide
10 missions and other forms of terrorism; and

11 WHEREAS, At this time of continued uncertainty in the world,
12 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania again desires to reaffirm its
13 desire that the United States of America remain a strong and
14 unequivocal supporter of the State of Israel; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of the Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
17 United States and urge the President of the United States to
18 maintain steadfast support for the State of Israel and express
19 vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare,
20 security and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and
21 democratic state with secure borders; and be it further

22 RESLOVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the
24 United States House of Representatives, each member of the
25 Pennsylvania delegation to the United States Congress, the
26 office of the President of the United States of America and the
27 Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC, for the transmission to the
28 proper authorities in the State of Israel.