

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1783

A RESOLUTION commending the nation of Israel for its amicable and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Kansas.

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

WHEREAS, Israel was granted her lands in the Old Testament, scripture held sacred and revered by both Jews and Christians as the acts and words of God; and

WHEREAS, The modern state of Israel was legally established by a binding resolution under international law, unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, This resolution affirmed the historical Land of Israel, including Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem, as a national home of the Jewish people; and

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

WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

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

WHEREAS, Israel is America's greatest friend and ally in the Middle East and shares the same basic values, held deeply by both nations; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas and Israel have enjoyed amicable and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commend Israel for its amicable and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Kansas and support Israel in its legal, historical, moral and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others and that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Knox, the President of the United States, Governor Sam Brownback and each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1783 was sponsored by Senators Knox, Abrams, Apple, Arpke, Bruce, Denning, Fitzgerald, Holmes, King, Love, Masterson, O'Donnell, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Powell, Smith and Tyson.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*