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A RESOLUTION

To commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and Ohio and to support Israel in its legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense on the entirety of its own lands.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Israel has been granted its lands under and through the oldest recorded deed, the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians. The claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel have remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and

WHEREAS, The legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding act of international law established in the San Remo Resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress. This resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel. In addition, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples that already existed under international instruments. Thus, the San Remo Resolution remains valid, and 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 to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and its people. Israel is the greatest friend and ally of our country in the Middle East, and the values of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other; and

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

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and Ohio and support Israel in its legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense on the entirety of its own lands, thus 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 Clerk of the House of Representatives send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.