

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1005

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A House Resolution supporting the Nation of Israel;
9 commending Israel for her contribution to mankind and
10 for her cordial and beneficial relationship with the
11 United States; congratulating Israel on the sixty-
12 ninth anniversary of its founding; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish
15 people. Here their spiritual, religious, and national identity was
16 formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of
17 national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the
18 Bible to the world; and

19 WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the
20 oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, a tome of
21 scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike as
22 presenting the acts and words of God; and

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

1 WHEREAS, exiled from Israel, the Jewish people remained faithful
2 to Israel in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to
3 pray and hope for their return and the restoration of their national
4 freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, the Jewish people historically have been a persecuted
6 people from the ancient time of Moses, culminating in the twentieth
7 century Nazi Holocaust which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe,
8 and proving anew the urgency of the reestablishment of the Jewish
9 state, which would solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by
10 opening the gates to all Jews and lifting the Jewish people to
11 equality in the family of nations; and

12 WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern
13 state of Israel was a binding resolution under international law,
14 which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and
15 subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a
18 national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the
19 Land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognizes the
22 continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which
23 already existed under international instruments, and, therefore, the
24 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000

1 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria and eastern
2 Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

3 WHEREAS, in November 1947, a great travesty was righted when the
4 United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create a Jewish
5 state; and

6 WHEREAS, under the leadership of David Ben Gurion, the Nation of
7 Israel was established on May 14, 1948, and has had to defend
8 herself and her right to exist since her founding; and

9 WHEREAS, Israel declared her independence and self-governance
10 with the goal of establishing her God-given and legally recognized
11 lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United
17 States in the Middle East and the values of our two nations are so
18 intertwined that it is virtually impossible to separate one from the
19 other; and

20 WHEREAS, the struggle to remain a strong country, whole,
21 complete and free from partition and free from terrorism and
22 oppression continues today; and

23 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have
24 continually sought to destroy Israel, from the time of her inception

1 as a state, and those enemies of Israel also hate, and seek to
2 destroy, the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Israel declares that she will be open to the
4 immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion; will
5 promote the development of the country for the benefit of all her
6 inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice and
7 peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and
8 political equality of all her citizens, without distinction of race,
9 creed or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship,
10 education and culture; and will safeguard the sanctity and
11 inviolability of the shrines and holy places of all religions; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Israel have enjoyed cordial
13 and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that
14 continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

15 WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and
16 this year marks the sixty-ninth anniversary of the founding of this
17 nation.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby declare
21 that it stands with Israel and the Jewish people in their right to
22 live in freedom, free of terrorism in the safe and secure borders of
23 their forefathers.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby commend
2 Israel for her contribution to humankind, particularly in the fields
3 of science and medicine and further calls on the God of Abraham,
4 Isaac and Jacob to continue to bless Israel.

5 THAT the House of Representatives commends Israel for her
6 cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the State of
7 Oklahoma and support Israel in her legal, historical, moral and God-
8 given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of
9 her own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force
10 nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that peace can be
11 afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel.

12 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby
13 congratulate the Nation of Israel on the occasion of the sixty-ninth
14 anniversary of the founding of the nation.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Eitan Levon,
16 Ambassador and Consul General of Israel to the Southwest, the
17 Chabbad Jewish Center, the Emanuel Synagogue, the Jewish Federation-
18 Greater Oklahoma, Temple B'nai Israel, Hillel Jewish Student Center,
19 Kehilat ROSH Pinah and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.

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