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SENATE RESOLUTION

10 COMMENDING THE NATION OF ISRAEL FOR ITS CORDIAL AND
11 MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED
12 STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

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28 WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has
29 remained constant throughout the past four thousand (4,000) years of history;
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32 WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of
33 Israel was a binding resolution under international law, which was
34 unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently
35 affirmed by the United States Congress; and

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1 WHEREAS, this resolution affirms the establishment of a national home
2 for the Jewish people in the historical region of Israel, including the areas
3 of Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem; and

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5 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the
6 continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which already
7 existed under international instruments, and, therefore, the 1922 League of
8 Nations resolution remains valid, and the six hundred and fifty thousand
9 (650,000) Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern
10 Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

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12 WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May
13 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its legally recognized lands as a
14 homeland for the Jewish people; and

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

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20 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in
21 the Middle East, and the values of our two (2) nations are so intertwined
22 that it is impossible to separate one (1) from the other; and

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

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28 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas and Israel have enjoyed cordial and
29 mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to
30 strengthen with each passing year,

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
33 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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35 That the members of the Senate commend Israel for its cordial and
36 mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of

1 Arkansas and support Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given
2 right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands,
3 recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the
4 lands of others, and that peace can be afforded the region only through a
5 whole and united Israel.

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