

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express support for Israel and the Jewish people in their right to live in freedom, free of terrorism in the safe and secure borders of their forefathers.

WHEREAS, the land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people, where their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed; where they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance; and where they wrote and gave the Bible to the world; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and this year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of this nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare that it stands with Israel and the Jewish people in their right to live in freedom, free of terrorism in the safe and secure borders of their forefathers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Israel for its contribution to humankind, particularly in the fields of science and medicine and further calls on the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to continue to bless Israel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate the Nation of Israel on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be distributed to Ari B. Krupkin, President of Tigers for Israel at Louisiana State University and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES