SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

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1 A Resolution supporting a free, independent, and secure
2 Israel.

3 WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under 4 and through the oldest recorded deed as reported in 5 the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and 6 reverenced by Jew and Christian, alike, as the acts and 7 words of God; and

8 WHEREAS, as the Grantor of said lands, God stated 9 to the Jewish people in the Old Testament in Leviticus 10 20:24: "Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give 11 it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with 12 milk and honey"; and

13 WHEREAS, God has never rescinded his grant of said 14 lands; and

15 WHEREAS, along with the grant of said lands to 16 the Jewish people, God provided for the non-Jewish 17 residents of the land in commanding that governance 18 must be in one law for all without drawing distinction 19 between Jewish and non-Jewish citizens, as contained in 20 Leviticus 24:22; and

21 WHEREAS, the Nation of Israel declared its 22 independent control and governance of said lands 23 on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing 24 their God-given lands as a homeland for the Jewish 25 people; and

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1 WHEREAS, the United States of America, having been 2 the first country to recognize Israel as an independent 3 nation and as Israel's principal Mideast ally, has 4 enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship 5 with Israel and her people; and WHEREAS, indeed, Israel is the United States of 6 7 America's closest friend in the Mideast; and 8 WHEREAS, the roots of Israel and the roots of the 9 United States of America are so intertwined that it is 10 difficult to separate one from the other under the word 11 and protection of almighty God; and 12 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who 13 have sought to destroy Israel from its inception as a 14 nation; and WHEREAS, those same enemies of Israel also seek to 15 16 destroy the United States of America; and WHEREAS, the United States of America and the nation 17 18 of Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial 19 relations since 1948, a friendship that should continue 20 to strengthen with each passing year; NOW THEREFORE, 21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate 22 recognizes the sovereign nation of Israel as a friend 23 and ally of the United States of America and the people 24 of Iowa; and 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on behalf of the people 26 of Iowa, the Senate recognizes the right of the nation 27 of Israel to exist, defend itself, and secure its

28 borders.

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