

House Resolution 9 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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1 A Resolution commending the nation of Israel for its
2 cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with
3 the United States and with the State of Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under
5 and through the oldest recorded deed, as recorded in
6 the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and
7 revered by Jews and Christians alike, as presenting the
8 acts and words of God; and

9 WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people
10 in Israel has remained constant throughout the past
11 4,000 years of history; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations Charter
23 recognized the continued validity of the rights
24 granted to states or peoples which already existed
25 under international instruments, and, therefore, the
26 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and

1 the 650,000 Jews currently residing in the areas of
2 Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there
3 legitimately; and

4 WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and
5 self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of
6 reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized
7 lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and Israel have enjoyed
23 cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948,
24 a friendship that continues to strengthen with each
25 passing year; NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
27 the House of Representatives commends Israel for its
28 cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the
29 United States and with the State of Iowa and supports
30 Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given

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