

House Resolution

No. 22

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

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House Resolution No. 22—Relative to the State of Israel.

1 WHEREAS, On May 14, 1948, the establishment of an
2 independent Jewish state to be known as the State of Israel was
3 declared, and this year will mark the 67th anniversary of that
4 historic action; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States of America and Israel have a
6 unique bond based on their shared, enduring values, which are
7 reflected in the virtues and principles of freedom and democracy,
8 and have stood together as allies since Israel was first formed as
9 a nation; and

10 WHEREAS, California's Jewish community has been active
11 socially, economically, and politically in the state's formation
12 since the California Gold Rush, and that involvement has had a
13 positive impact on the state's multicultural and economic
14 development; and

15 WHEREAS, California is home to an estimated 2,000,000 Jews,
16 making it the second largest concentration of Jews in the United
17 States; and

18 WHEREAS, For years, California and Israel have established
19 business partnerships and trade relations with each other, and those
20 partnerships have helped enhance the agricultural, educational,
21 energy, entertainment, health, medical, scientific, and water policies
22 in California, Israel, and the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, Israel is not only the ancestral home of the Jewish
24 people, and the world's only Jewish nation, but is also inhabited

1 by people from all corners of the world, and those people practice
2 a variety of religions, including Baha'i, Christianity, Druze, and
3 Islam; and

4 WHEREAS, Israel has openly and honestly negotiated with its
5 neighbors for peace, and during those negotiations, has traded land
6 in an attempt to achieve economic prosperity and peace; and

7 WHEREAS, Israel is recognized around the world as the
8 strongest democratically-elected government in the Middle East,
9 and the nation's democracy and relationship as an ally to the United
10 States adds to the security and strength of California; and

11 WHEREAS, In an effort to foster community, understanding,
12 peace, tolerance, communication, and brotherhood, it is important
13 to understand the contributions that people of all cultures and
14 religions living in California have made to California; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
17 Assembly hereby honors and commemorates that fateful day, May
18 14, 1948, and this 67th anniversary, as an historic action of
19 undeniable significance in world history and the beginning of a
20 mutually beneficial relationship between Israel and the United
21 States, especially the State of California; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Assembly believes that Israel's borders
23 should be determined by the government of Israel; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes both Israel's right to
25 exist as a nation, and to exist within safe and secure borders; and
26 be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Assembly supports Israel's right to seek
28 peace and security for its citizens, the prime obligation of any
29 government, and herein expresses its support for Israel; and be it
30 further

31 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
32 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.