

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 291

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the State of Israel on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the rebirth of the modern State of Israel

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the State of Israel upon the occasion of the seventy-fifth  
3 anniversary of the rebirth of the modern State of Israel, to recognize the  
4 contributions of Israel to humankind, and to express support for the people of Israel  
5 and the Jewish state.

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

9 WHEREAS, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob promised in Genesis 12:3 to bless  
10 those that bless Israel, through the promise He made to Abraham: "And I will bless them that  
11 bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be  
12 blessed"; and

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

17 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the provisional government of Israel proclaimed the  
18 rebirth of the State of Israel and on that same date the United States of America, via  
19 President Harry S. Truman, recognized the provisional Jewish government as the *de facto*  
20 authority of the Jewish State of Israel, thereby fulfilling the Biblical prophesy in Isaiah 66:8  
21 that the nation would be (re)born in a single day; and

1           WHEREAS, Israel established a form of government based on the precepts of liberty,  
2 justice, and peace taught by the Hebrew prophets upholding the full social and political  
3 equality of all her citizens without distinction of race, creed, or sex, while guaranteeing full  
4 freedom of conscience, worship, education, and culture; and

5           WHEREAS, over the centuries the city of Jerusalem has come to symbolize the love  
6 of the Jewish people for their ancient homeland and on June 7, 1967, the third day of the Six  
7 Day War, soldiers of Israel's Defense Forces entered the old city of Jerusalem and reunited  
8 the city, thereby making Jerusalem once again an integral part of the Jewish state; and

9           WHEREAS, Louisiana has a special connection to Judea and Samaria which were  
10 also returned to Israel as a result of the Six Day War and many towns and cities across  
11 Louisiana bear the names of Biblical cities throughout Judea and Samaria, such as Bethel,  
12 Hebron, and Shiloh; and

13           WHEREAS, the modern State of Israel has contributed to the rest of the world  
14 through significant and extraordinary developments in science, medicine, agriculture, and  
15 technology; and

16           WHEREAS, this year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the  
17 modern State of Israel in the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people.

18           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the State of Israel upon the  
20 seventy-fifth anniversary of the rebirth of the modern State of Israel, recognize the  
21 contributions of Israel to humankind, and express support for the people of Israel and the  
22 Jewish state.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 Consul General of the State of Israel to the Southwest in Houston, Texas, to the Embassy of  
25 Israel to the United States in Washington, D.C. for transmission to the proper authorities in  
26 the State of Israel, to the Louisiana Chapter of American Israel Public Affairs Committee,  
27 and the Louisiana Chapter of Christians United for Israel.

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