

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY SENATOR WARD

SENATE. Commends the state of Israel, commemorates the 50th anniversary of the reunification of the city of Jerusalem, and designates June 7, 2017, as Jerusalem Day at the Senate.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the state of Israel, commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the reunification
3 of the city of Jerusalem, and designate June 7, 2017, as "Jerusalem Day" at the
4 Senate.

5 WHEREAS, the land of Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish people, where their
6 spiritual, religious, and national identity has been formed, where they have achieved
7 independence, and where they have created a culture of national and universal significance;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob promised in Genesis 12:3 to bless
10 those who 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, on May 14, 1948, the provisional government of Israel proclaimed the
14 rebirth of the state of Israel and on that same date, the United States of America, in the
15 person of President Harry S. Truman, recognized the provisional Jewish government as the
16 *de facto* authority of the Jewish state of Israel, thereby fulfilling the Biblical prophesy in
17 Isaiah 66:8 that the nation would be (re)born in a single day; and

18 WHEREAS, Israel established a form of government based on the precepts of liberty,

1 justice, and peace taught by the Hebrew prophets upholding the full social and political
2 equality of all her citizens without distinction of race, creed, or sex; and guaranteeing full
3 freedom of conscience, worship, education, and culture; and

4 WHEREAS, Israel became the foremost leader in the Middle East in recognizing the
5 basic equality and dignity of women, thereby providing full and equal opportunities for
6 women to vote, hold elected office, own property, and pursue and engage in any occupation,
7 profession, or trade; and

8 WHEREAS, for more than three thousand years, since King David of Israel moved
9 the capitol of Israel to Jerusalem, the Jewish people have had a lasting presence in that
10 ancient city; and

11 WHEREAS, some of the fiercest battles of Israel's 1948 War of Independence were
12 fought over the city of Jerusalem; for Jews the victory for independence was tarnished
13 because the city of Jerusalem remained divided for nineteen years until the Six Day War in
14 1967; and

15 WHEREAS, on June 7, 1967, the third day of the Six Day War, soldiers of Israel's
16 Defense Forces entered the old city of Jerusalem, which over the centuries has come to
17 symbolize the love of the Jewish people for their ancient homeland, and reunited the city,
18 making it once again an integral part of the Jewish State; and

19 WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the people of Louisiana, the Senate of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana, wishes to join with the people of Israel in sharing their fervent
21 hope and profound desire for an enduring peace for the state of Israel and its eternal,
22 indivisible, and sacred capital Jerusalem.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
24 does hereby commend the state of Israel, commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the
25 reunification of the city of Jerusalem, and designate June 7, 2017, as "Jerusalem Day" at the
26 Senate.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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