

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the modern state of Israel on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the modern state of Israel on the occasion of the seventieth  
3 anniversary of its establishment, to recognize the contributions of Israel to  
4 humankind, to express support for the people of Israel for their right to live in  
5 freedom and to defend their land and their country, and to extend best wishes to the  
6 state of Israel and to the Israeli people for a peaceful and prosperous future.

7 WHEREAS, Israel was historically granted her lands under and through the oldest  
8 recorded deed, as found in the Old Testament, which is a tome of Scripture revered by Jews  
9 and Christians alike as presenting the acts and words of God; and

10 WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern state  
11 of Israel is directly linked to the existence of the historic kingdom of Israel established in the  
12 land of Israel more than three thousand years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as its capital  
13 both then and now; and

14 WHEREAS, for over two thousand years, Jews living in other parts of the world  
15 maintained a profound spiritual and emotional connection to the land of Israel, and there has  
16 been continuous Jewish presence in the land comprising the modern state of Israel; and

17 WHEREAS, the internationally recognized legal basis for the establishment of the  
18 modern state of Israel was a binding resolution under international law that was unanimously

1 adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the  
2 United States Congress; and

3 WHEREAS, this binding resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home  
4 for the Jewish people in the historical region of the land of Israel, including the areas of  
5 Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem; and

6 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued  
7 validity of the rights granted to states or peoples that already existed under international  
8 instruments, and considering the fact that the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains  
9 valid, then it is evident that the Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and  
10 eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

11 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of  
12 the sovereign and independent state of Israel with the goal of re-establishing its God-given  
13 and legally recognized land as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

14 WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern state of Israel as a homeland for the  
15 Jewish people followed the destruction of much of the European Jewry during the  
16 Holocaust; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States government established full diplomatic relations after  
18 Israel's first election in 1949; and

19 WHEREAS, since its establishment seventy years ago, the modern state of Israel has  
20 forged a new and dynamic society, and created a thriving economic, political, cultural, and  
21 intellectual life; and

22 WHEREAS, the people of Israel, in the spirit of Israel's Declaration of Independence,  
23 have established a vibrant, pluralistic, democratic political system, which includes freedom  
24 of speech, association, and religion, a vigorously free press, free, fair and open elections, the  
25 rule of law, a fully independent judiciary, and other democratic principles and practices; and

26 WHEREAS, Israel has developed some of the world's leading universities; and

27 WHEREAS, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial economy, is among  
28 the world's leaders of the high-tech industry, and is at the forefront of research and  
29 development in the fields of renewable energy sources and medicine; and

30 WHEREAS, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search and rescue teams, mobile

1 hospitals, and other emergency supplies to help victims of disasters around the world; and

2 WHEREAS, Israel has taken in millions of Jews from countries throughout the world  
3 and sought to fully integrate them into Israeli society; and

4 WHEREAS, Israel has established peaceful bilateral relations with Egypt and Jordan  
5 and has sought to achieve a secure peace with the Palestinians and Israel's other Arab  
6 neighbors; and

7 WHEREAS, for seven decades, the United States, the state of Louisiana, and Israel  
8 have maintained a special relationship based on mutually shared democratic and moral  
9 values, common strategic interests, and bonds of friendship and mutual respect; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States and the state of Louisiana continue to regard Israel as  
11 a trusted ally and vital strategic partner in the Middle East; and

12 WHEREAS, the American people and the people of Louisiana feel a strong affinity  
13 for the Israeli people based on common values and shared cultural heritage; and

14 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana again wishes to re-affirm its desire that the United  
15 States of America remains a strong and unequivocal supporter of Israel and the right of Israel  
16 to defend itself in its own country; and

17 WHEREAS, April 18-19, 2018, the fifth day of Iyar, 5778 of the Hebrew calendar,  
18 marked the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel in the  
19 ancestral homeland of the Jewish people.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
21 does hereby congratulate Israel on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of its  
22 establishment, recognize the contributions of Israel to humankind, express support for the  
23 people of Israel for their right to live in freedom and to defend their land and their country,  
24 and extend its best wishes to the state of Israel and to the Israeli people for a peaceful and  
25 prosperous future.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
27 to the Consul General of the State of Israel to the Southwest in Houston, Texas, and to the  
28 Embassy of Israel to the United States in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper  
29 authorities in the state of Israel.

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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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