

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Expresses support for the people of Israel

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express support for the people of Israel and for their right to live in freedom and to
3 defend themselves, to recognize the longstanding friendship between the people of
4 Israel and the people of Louisiana, to condemn any and all efforts to boycott, divest
5 from, and sanction Israel, and to extend best wishes to the people of Israel for peace,
6 security, and prosperity.

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

10 WHEREAS, Israel is the foremost leader in the Middle East and a shining example
11 for the rest of the world relative to the recognition of the basic equality and dignity of
12 women, providing full and equal opportunities for women to vote, hold elected office, own
13 property, and pursue and engage in any occupation, profession, or trade; and

14 WHEREAS, the people of the United States, including the citizens of Louisiana, have
15 long experienced a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and her people,
16 share strong economic ties, and each year enjoy the traditions of trade, foreign investment,
17 and job creation as a result of doing business with Israel; and

18 WHEREAS, since its establishment on May 14, 1948, Israel has had to defend
19 herself and her right to exist; the people of Israel have been persecuted throughout history,
20 and there are still those who express a desire for the destruction of Israel; and

1 WHEREAS, Israel faces continued threats to her safety and security today, including
2 incidents of anti-Semitism throughout the world and an international movement that
3 promotes boycotting, divestment from, and sanctioning Israel; and

4 WHEREAS, this movement contributes to the support of anti-Semitic sentiments,
5 fosters discrimination against Jewish people throughout the world, and is harmful to the
6 state's Jewish citizens and to Louisiana's relationship with the Jewish homeland of Israel; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States Congress and several state legislatures have
8 introduced resolutions condemning this movement, and it is fitting that Louisiana also
9 denounce it officially and reaffirm the state's wholehearted and unwavering support of Israel.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 express support for the people of Israel and for their right to live in freedom and to defend
12 themselves; does hereby recognize the longstanding friendship between the people of Israel
13 and the people of Louisiana; does hereby condemn any and all efforts to boycott, divest
14 from, and sanction Israel; and does hereby extend to the people of Israel best wishes for
15 peace, security, and prosperity.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
17 to the Ambassador of Israel to the United States.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HCR 57 Original

2016 Regular Session

Hodges

Expresses support for the people of Israel and for their right to live in freedom and to defend themselves; recognizes the longstanding friendship between Israel and La.; condemns acts of boycotting, divestment from, and sanctions against Israel; and extends to Israel best wishes for peace, security, and prosperity.