

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 3

By: Leftwich

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A Resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern State of Israel is linked to a continuous Jewish presence in the land of Israel for over 3,000 years; and

WHEREAS, there has been uninterrupted Jewish presence in the City of Jerusalem for over 3,000 years and a Jewish majority since the 1940's, and the City of Jerusalem has been the capital of Israel since 1950 and serves as the seat of Israel's Presidency, Parliament and Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Israel has been the most reliable and most trusted ally of the United States in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, since its founding over 50 years ago, Israel has built a modern western nation with the only democracy, free press, and independent judiciary in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Israel has been attacked three times during its existence by neighbors committed to Israel's destruction, and Israel still faces ongoing security challenges; and

WHEREAS, the people of Israel, having endured the heavy social, economic, and human costs of five major wars and countless terrorists attacks, remain strongly committed to the pursuit of a real peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the people of Israel on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel, and reaffirms the historic, mutually beneficial, and special relationship of friendship and cooperation that exists between the United States and Israel.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the historic significance of the anniversary of the reestablishment of the sovereign and independent modern State of Israel and commends and congratulates the people and political leadership of Israel for their remarkable achievements in building a new state and a pluralistic democratic society in the Middle East in the face of terrorism, hostility, and belligerence of many of her neighbors.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes Jerusalem as the eternal, undivided capital of Israel and extends its best wishes to the people of Israel for a peaceful, prosperous, successful, and eternal future.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Ambassador of Israel to the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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