ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1029

By: Wesselhoft, Armes, Askins, Banz, Benge, Billy, Bingman, Blackwell, Braddock, Brannon, Calvey, Carey, Cargill, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, DePue, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Dorman, Ellis, Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton, Hilliard, Hyman, Ingmire, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Kern, Kiesel, Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Martin, McCarter, McMullen, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ray), Morgan (Danny), Morgan (Fred), Perry, Peterson (Pam), Plunk, Pruett, Richardson, Roan, Rousselot, Shelton, Sherrer, Shumate, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Sweeden, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Turner, Walker, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen and Wright of the House

and

Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Fisher, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Harrison, Hobson, Johnson, Jolley, Justice, Kerr, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the Nation of Israel and congratulating them on their fifty-seventh anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious, and national identity was formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world; and

WHEREAS, exiled from Palestine, the Jewish people remained faithful to it in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to pray and hope for their return and the restoration of their national freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people historically have been a persecuted people from the ancient time of Moses and culminating in the twentieth century Nazi Holocaust, which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe, proved anew the urgency of the reestablishment of the Jewish state, which would solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by opening the gates to all Jews and lifting the Jewish people to equality in the family of nations; and

WHEREAS, the struggle to remain a strong country, whole, complete and free from partition and free from terrorism and oppression continues today; and

WHEREAS, in November 1947, a great travesty was righted when the United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create a Jewish state; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of David Ben Gurion, the Nation of Israel was established on May 14, 1948, and has had to defend herself and her right to exist since its founding; and

WHEREAS, Israel declares that she will be open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion; will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice, and peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of race, creed, or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education, and culture; will safeguard the sanctity and inviolability of the shrines and holy places of all religions; and

WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and this year marks the fifty-seventh anniversary of the founding of this nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby declare that it stands with Israel and the Jewish people in their right to live in freedom; free of terrorism in the safe and secure borders of their forefathers.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby commend Israel for its contribution to humankind, particularly in the fields of science and medicine and further calls on the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to continue to bless Israel.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Major Yaron Dahan of the Israeli Air Force stationed at Tinker Air Force Base and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 11th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate