

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1060

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the Nation of
8 Israel and congratulating Israel on the sixtieth
9 anniversary of its founding; and directing
10 distribution.

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Jewish people historically have been a persecuted
21 people from the ancient time of Moses, culminating in the twentieth
22 century Nazi Holocaust which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe,
23 and proving anew the urgency of the reestablishment of the Jewish
24 state, which would solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by

1 opening the gates to all Jews and lifting the Jewish people to
2 equality in the family of nations; and

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and
22 this year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of this
23 nation.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

12 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby congratulate the
13 Nation of Israel on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the
14 founding of the nation.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Eric Cohn,
16 President of Sooners for Israel.

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