

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 22, 2010

**House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1048**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1048 - By: WESSELHOFT of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the Nation of Israel and congratulating Israel on the sixty-second anniversary of its founding; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and this year marks
16 the sixty-second anniversary of the founding of this nation.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA
19 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby congratulate the Nation of Israel on
5 the occasion of the sixty-second anniversary of the founding of the nation.

6 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Major Moshe Levi of the Israeli Air
7 Force stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, the Chabbad Jewish Center, the Emanuel
8 Synagogue, the Jewish Federation-Greater Oklahoma, Temple B'nai Israel, Hillel Jewish
9 Student Center, Kehilat ROSH Pinah and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.
10 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.