

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1029

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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9 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the Nation of
10 Israel and congratulating Israel on the sixty-fourth
11 anniversary of its founding; and directing
12 distribution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and
2 this year marks the sixty-fourth anniversary of the founding of this
3 nation.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

15 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature does hereby congratulate the
16 Nation of Israel on the occasion of the sixty-fourth anniversary of
17 the founding of the nation.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Israeli Air
19 Force Major Avi Smovich, Meir Shlomo, Ambassador and Consul General
20 of Israel to the Southwest, the Chabbad Jewish Center, the Emanuel
21 Synagogue, the Jewish Federation-Greater Oklahoma, Temple B'nai
22 Israel, Hillel Jewish Student Center, Kehilat ROSH Pinah and the
23 Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.

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COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON XXXXX, dated XX-XX-XXXX - DO PASS,
As Amended and Coauthored.

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