HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1007 By: Wesselhoft

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending the Nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Oklahoma; congratulating Israel on the sixty-fifth anniversary of its founding; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike as presenting the acts and words of God; and

WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and

WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding resolution under international law,

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which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which already existed under international instruments, and therefore the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and her people; and

WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East and the values of our two nations are so

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intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other; and

WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy Israel, from the time of its inception as a state, and those same enemies of Israel also hate, and seek to destroy, the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Oklahoma and supports Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby congratulate the Nation of Israel on the occasion of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the nation.

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

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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