

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT

2 RESOLUTION NO. 1006

By: Wallace of the House

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7 A Concurrent Resolution expressing support to the
8 State of Israel.

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10 WHEREAS, the Jewish people established the sovereign and
11 independent State of Israel on May 14, 1948, and the United States
12 of America under the leadership of President Harry S. Truman
13 immediately recognized and established full diplomatic relations
14 with Israel; and

15 WHEREAS, the State of Israel provided a safe refuge for those
16 who survived the near destruction of European Jewry during the
17 Holocaust; and

18 WHEREAS, Israel opened its doors to Jews from all corners of the
19 globe fleeing anti-Semitism and oppression in such countries as
20 Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union, Argentina, Syria, Iraq, and Iran
21 and continues to do so; and

22 WHEREAS, as an outcome of the Abraham Accords, Israel's peaceful
23 relations across the Middle East now expand beyond Egypt and Jordan

1 to include the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Bahrain, and Sudan;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, though Israel is one of the world's smallest countries,
4 it boasts a sophisticated, entrepreneurial economy, is consistently
5 on the cutting-edge of technological advancement, and stands at the
6 forefront of the most innovative research and development in the
7 fields of renewable energy sources, cybersecurity, water management,
8 medicine, and more; and

9 WHEREAS, Israel is often the first to send humanitarian aid,
10 search and rescue teams, field hospitals, and other emergency
11 supplies to places reeling from natural disasters or responding to
12 tragedy around the world including Turkey, Ukraine, Haiti, Japan,
13 Nepal, Florida, and our own State of Oklahoma; and

14 WHEREAS, continued cooperation and collaboration between Israel
15 and the United States is vital, especially in the context of rising
16 anti-Semitism, authoritarianism, and security concerns in Europe,
17 the Middle East, and North Africa; and

18 WHEREAS, the Sooner State in concert with the OKlahoma Israel
19 Exchange (OKIE) has been a steadfast supporter of the unshakeable
20 bond between Israel and the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma and the people of Israel have
22 cultivated a warm, unique, and mutually beneficial relationship
23 based on a shared pioneering spirit, common interests, respect,
24 resiliency, and a commitment to help those in need; and

1 WHEREAS, the ties between the State of Oklahoma and Israel are
2 reflected in the many political, cultural, economic, academic, and
3 agricultural exchanges such as those fostered by OKIE that
4 contribute to both our peoples.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
7 CONCURRING THEREIN:

8 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature is honored to recognize the people
9 of Israel on this milestone occasion of the 75th anniversary of
10 Israel's independence.

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends its collective goodwill
12 and best wishes to the State of Israel and its people for a peaceful
13 and prosperous future.

14 THAT on April 26, 2023, which is the 5th day of Iyar on the
15 Hebrew calendar and the date known in Hebrew as Yom HaAtzmaut or
16 Israel's Independence Day, we celebrate the historic significance of
17 the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the sovereign and
18 independent State of Israel.

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of May,
2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate