

ACT #2023 -

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- 2 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,
- 3 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,
- 4 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,
- 5 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Livingston, Melson, Price, Reed,
- 6 Roberts, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman,
- 7 Stewart, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams
- 8 RFD: RULES

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9 First Read: 21-Mar-23



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1 Enrolled, An Act, 2 3 SJR HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL 4 5 AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION 6 BETWEEN ALABAMA AND ISRAEL. 7 8 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel 9 proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and 10 independent State of Israel and the United States 11immediately recognized Israel and established full 12 diplomatic relations; and 13 WHEREAS, this year marks the 75th anniversary of the 14 fulfillment of the dream and longing of the Jewish people to 15 regain independence in their ancestral homeland, whose roots 16 include their historic sovereignty in the Land of Israel, 17 established over 3,000 years ago with the City of Jerusalem 18 then, as it is now, the capital of the world's only 19 sovereign Jewish state; and 20 WHEREAS, Alabama and Israel share a commitment to 21 deeply held common values from the history of each shaped 22 greatly through the influence of Biblical faith, in addition 23 to many nationally shared values as the only democratic ally 24 of the United States in the Middle East; and WHEREAS, Israel is one of the smallest countries in 25 26 the world, yet it is also one of the world leaders in 27 technology and innovation, helping to face global challenges 28 through pioneering research and development in sustainable

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29 energy, medicine, cybersecurity, and more; and

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30 WHEREAS, since its establishment, the modern State of 31 Israel has rebuilt the nation, forged a vibrant democracy, 32 developed a dynamic society, and created a thriving 33 economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life despite 34 heavy burdens of war and terrorism; and

35 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is an unequivocal 36 supporter of the State of Israel and its right to defend 37 itself against terror and any threat to its security; and

38 WHEREAS, Israel's peace with Egypt and Jordan and the 39 signing of the recent Abraham Accords paves the way for 40 further regional stability and a new era of opportunity 41 between Israel and her Arab neighbors and gives hope for a 42 better future for all; and

43 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama remains committed to a 44 future where the State of Israel and all her neighbors can 45 live in peace, with mutual recognition of each other's 46 dignity and sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of World War II, when the axis powers were not only waging world war against America and Europe, but also seeking the mass murder and systematic extermination of the Jewish people, Alabama led the nation in an official call for the establishment of the Jewish state in its ancestral homeland, five years before Israel was reborn as a nation; and

54 WHEREAS, this year also marks the 30th anniversary of 55 that historic resolution, Act 144, Senate Joint Resolution, 56 1943 Regular Session, and the beginning of a long history of



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57 devoted friendship, cooperation, and strong unwavering 58 support from the State of Alabama for the State of Israel; 59 and

60 WHEREAS, the strong bond between Alabama and Israel 61 continues to be expressed in growing political, cultural, 62 economic, academic, business, and community partnerships for 63 the mutual benefit of our people; now therefore,

64 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 65 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the State of Alabama:

(1) Honors and celebrates the historic significance
of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the State of
Israel, becoming once again the world's only nation state of
the Jewish people, in its ancestral homeland with Jerusalem,
once again, its eternal undivided capital.

(2) Recognizes and supports Israel in its legal,
historical, and moral right to independence and
self-determination.

(3) Commends the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements, resilience, and determination in building a new and flourishing state in the face of hatred, terrorism, hostility, and belligerence by neighbors and others in the international community.

(4) Reaffirms the historic 1943 joint resolution from
Alabama supporting the establishment of the Jewish state and
homeland in Israel and celebrates the historic significance
of the 80th anniversary of its passing.

83 (5) Commits to the continued friendship, cooperation,
84 and strengthening of the relationship between Alabama and



85 Israel, for the good of Alabama, Israel, the United States, 86 and the family of nations.

87 (6) Extends the warmest congratulations, heartfelt
88 prayers, declared blessings, and best wishes to the State of
89 Israel and her people for a peaceful, prosperous, and
90 successful future.

91 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is directed that a 92 copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Alabama 93 Delegation to the United States Congress, and to the Israeli 94 Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to all the 95 proper authorities in the State of Israel.

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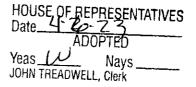
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REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

This resolution having been referred by the House to its standing committee on ______RULES_____ was acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom to the HOUSE with the recommendation that it be adopted. _____Chairman

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