

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Introduced by: Senators Novstrup, Bolin, Cronin, Ewing, Greenfield (Brock), Klumb, Kolbeck, Langer, Maher, Netherton, Rusch, Russell, Solano, Stalzer, Tapio, White, and Wiik and Representatives Heinemann, Dennert, Greenfield (Lana), Howard, Kaiser, Latterell, Marty, May, Mickelson, Mills, Peterson (Kent), Qualm, Rasmussen, Rhoden, Rounds, Steinhauer, Wiese, and Zikmund

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the State of Israel.

2 WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations recognizes the continued validity of rights
3 granted by the League of Nations in 1922 to states or peoples that already existed under
4 international instruments and this action was affirmed by both Houses of the United States
5 Congress; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Israel declared its independence and statehood on May 14, 1948,
7 and the United States immediately recognized the State of Israel's independence and was the
8 first country to do so; and

9 WHEREAS, the establishment of the State of Israel as a modern homeland for the Jewish
10 people followed the extermination of more than six million European Jews during the early to
11 mid-twentieth century; and

12 WHEREAS, the Israeli people have built one of the world's most dynamic cultural,
13 economic, agricultural, and intellectual societies while confronting constant terrorism, the



1 immense pressures of imminent war, constant missile barrages, economic boycotts, and
2 ostracism from much of the international community; and

3 WHEREAS, in spite of these adversities, the State of Israel has established a strong
4 democratic political system that guarantees its people freedom of speech, freedom of the press,
5 fair and open elections, and respect for the rule of law for Jews and Arabs alike; and

6 WHEREAS, at great financial and social cost, the State of Israel has welcomed millions of
7 immigrants from around the world and has made great strides in assimilating these immigrants
8 into Israeli life and society; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States and the citizens of South Dakota share democratic values,
10 common strategic interests, bonds of friendship, and mutual respect with the State of Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, the four thousand year history of the Jewish people and their land is
12 documented in great detail in the Jewish Torah and throughout the Christian Bible:

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature
14 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
15 Legislature reaffirms the strong bonds that connect the people of South Dakota and the United
16 States to the people and State of Israel; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Legislature expresses its outrage regarding all terrorist
18 acts perpetrated against the Israeli people, especially the bold and blatant declaration by the
19 enemies of the State of Israel to destroy their small country, the same enemies who declare they
20 will destroy the United States; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Legislature expresses strong support and a steadfast
22 commitment to the security, welfare and survival of the sovereign State of Israel and recognizes
23 its right to secure its borders and to act in self-defense to protect its citizens from acts of
24 terrorism; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Israel has a right to exist.