

2020 South Dakota Legislature
**House Concurrent Resolution
6005**

AMENDMENT HCR6005A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commending the nation of Israel for its cordial and**
2 **mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of**
3 **South Dakota.**

4 WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands ~~under and through the oldest~~
5 ~~recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament scriptures held sacred and revered by~~
6 ~~Jews and Christians alike, as presenting the acts and words of God by a promise made by~~
7 ~~God to Abraham, father to the Jewish nation (Genesis 12:1-3); and~~

8 WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained
9 constant throughout the past four thousand years of history; and

10 WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern state of Israel was
11 a binding resolution under international law, which was unanimously adopted by the
12 League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States
13 Congress; and

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

17 ~~WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations Charter 22 recognized the continued~~
18 ~~validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which already existed under international~~
19 ~~instruments, and therefore the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the~~
20 ~~six hundred fifty thousand Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and~~
21 ~~eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and~~

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

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

4 WHEREAS, there are increasing incidents of anti-Semitism around the world,
5 including across the United States reflected in official hate crime statistics; and

6 WHEREAS, the international boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement is one
7 of the main vehicles for spreading anti-Semitism and advocating the elimination of the
8 Jewish State; and

9 ~~WHEREAS, the dramatic increase in boycott, divestment, and sanctions campaign~~
10 ~~activities on college campuses around the country has resulted in increased animosity and~~
11 ~~intimidation against Jewish students, negatively impacting student programming related~~
12 ~~to the State of Israel and politics in the Middle East; and~~

13 ~~WHEREAS, leaders of the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement say their~~
14 ~~goal is to eliminate Israel as the home of the Jewish people; and~~

15 ~~WHEREAS, messaging at anti-Israel rallies has adopted the boycott, divestment,~~
16 ~~and sanctions slogan: "from the river to the sea Palestine will be free" which means that~~
17 ~~there would be no Israel between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea and that~~
18 ~~the State of Israel will cease to exist; and~~

19 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle
20 East and ~~the our~~ values ~~of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to~~
21 ~~separate one from the other are very similar; and~~

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

25 WHEREAS, the promise of the God of Israel, ~~who is the God stated in our~~
26 ~~Constitution, is that He will bless those who bless Israel, and be it is that God will bless~~
27 ~~those that will bless Israel and let it also be~~ known that the State of South Dakota openly
28 bleses Israel with gratitude for our cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948,
29 ~~a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year:~~

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
31 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
32 commends Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States
33 and with the State of South Dakota, supports Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-
34 given right of self-governance and ~~self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, and~~
35 ~~recognizes that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and~~

- 1 ~~that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel~~ recognize Israel
- 2 as our principal ally in the Middle East.

AMENDMENT