



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6005

SENATE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: Representative Qualm

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 by a promise made by God to
 5 Abraham, father to the Jewish nation (Genesis 12:1-3); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the international boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement is one
 24 of the main vehicles advocating the elimination of the Jewish State; and

25 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle
 26 East and our values are very similar; and

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

4 WHEREAS, the promise of the God of Israel, is that God will bless those that will
5 bless Israel and let it also be known that the State of South Dakota openly blesses Israel
6 with gratitude for our cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948:

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
8 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
9 commends Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States
10 and with the State of South Dakota, supports Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-
11 given right of self-governance and recognizes Israel as our principal ally in the Middle East.