

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION expressing opposition to the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign (BDS).

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION expressing opposition to the
2 anti-Jewish and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions
3 campaign (BDS).

4 *Whereas, The State of Israel is the only democracy in the*
5 *Middle East;*

6 *Whereas, The State of Israel is the strongest ally and friend*
7 *of the United States of America in the Middle East because this*
8 *bond is based on shared values and interests;*

9 *Whereas, The 119th session of the Indiana General*
10 *Assembly recognized that, The State of Israel, the only*
11 *democracy in the Middle East, is the greatest friend and ally of*
12 *the United States in the Middle East;*

13 *Whereas, The global spread of anti-Jewish speech and*
14 *violence represents an attack, not only on Jews, but on the*
15 *fundamental principles of the United States;*

16 *Whereas, Verbal attacks against Jews and the*
17 *delegitimization of Israel foster intimidation and promote*
18 *violence, not only globally, but in Indiana;*

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1 *Whereas, Attempts to delegitimize Israel's existence*
 2 *through an international campaign of Boycott, Divestment and*
 3 *Sanctions is increasingly promoted on college and university*
 4 *campuses;*

5 *Whereas, BDS campaigns violate the principle of academic*
 6 *freedom, and BDS promotes a climate of anti-Jewish and anti-*
 7 *Israel speech leading to intimidation and violence on*
 8 *campuses; and*

9 *Whereas, Indiana University President Michael A.*
 10 *McRobbie and Purdue University President Mitch Daniels have*
 11 *strongly condemned the boycott of Israeli academic*
 12 *institutions: Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 14 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

15 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate condemns the international
 16 Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement and its activities
 17 in Indiana, for seeking to undermine the Jewish people's right to self-
 18 determination, which they are currently fulfilling in the State of Israel.

19 SECTION 2. That the Indiana Senate condemns activities that
 20 contribute directly or indirectly to the denial, violation, or
 21 delegitimization of any people's academic freedom, including but not
 22 limited to promotion of academic boycotts by the BDS Movement
 23 against Israel.

24 SECTION 3. That the Indiana Senate considers the international
 25 BDS Movement and its agenda inherently antithetical and deeply
 26 damaging to the cause of peace, justice, equality, democracy, and
 27 human rights for all peoples in the Middle East.

28 SECTION 4. That the Indiana Senate reaffirms its support for the
 29 nation of Israel, recognizes that the Jewish people are indigenous to the
 30 land of Israel, condemns all attacks on the people of Israel, supports
 31 Israel's right to engage in lawful acts of self-defense, and opposes all
 32 attempts to deny the legitimacy of Israel as a sovereign state.

33 SECTION 5. That the Indiana Senate denounces the Boycott,
 34 Divestment, and Sanctions Movement for promoting a climate of



1 hatred, intimidation, intolerance, and violence against Jews.
2 SECTION 6. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
3 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States,
4 the United States Congress, and the Israeli Embassy in Washington,
5 D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel.

