

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1070

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Resolution supporting the Nation of Israel; commending  
10 Israel for her contribution to mankind and for her cordial  
11 and beneficial relationship with the United States;  
12 congratulating Israel on the sixty-eighth anniversary of  
13 her founding; and directing distribution.

14                   WHEREAS, the land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish  
15 people. Here their spiritual, religious, and national identity was  
16 formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of  
17 national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the  
18 Bible to the world; and

19                   WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the  
20 oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, a tome of  
21 scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike as  
22 presenting the acts and words of God; and

1       WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel  
2 has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history;  
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4       WHEREAS, exiled from Israel, the Jewish people remained faithful  
5 to Israel in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to  
6 pray and hope for their return and the restoration of their national  
7 freedom; and

8       WHEREAS, the Jewish people historically have been a persecuted  
9 people from the ancient time of Moses, culminating in the twentieth  
10 century Nazi Holocaust which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe,  
11 and proving anew the urgency of the reestablishment of the Jewish  
12 state, which would solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by  
13 opening the gates to all Jews and lifting the Jewish people to  
14 equality in the family of nations; and

15       WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern  
16 state of Israel was a binding resolution under international law,  
17 which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and  
18 subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress;  
19 and

20       WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a  
21 national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the  
22 Land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and  
23 Jerusalem; and

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1       WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognizes the  
2 continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which  
3 already existed under international instruments, and, therefore, the  
4 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000  
5 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern  
6 Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

7       WHEREAS, in November 1947, a great travesty was righted when the  
8 United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create a Jewish  
9 state; and

10       WHEREAS, under the leadership of David Ben Gurion, the Nation of  
11 Israel was established on May 14, 1948, and has had to defend  
12 herself and her right to exist since her founding; and

13       WHEREAS, Israel declared her independence and self-governance  
14 with the goal of establishing her God-given and legally recognized  
15 lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

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

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

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1       WHEREAS, the struggle to remain a strong country, whole,  
2 complete and free from partition and free from terrorism and  
3 oppression continues today; and

4       WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have continually  
5 sought to destroy Israel, from the time of her inception as a state,  
6 and those enemies of Israel also hate, and seek to destroy, the  
7 United States; and

8       WHEREAS, Israel declares that she will be open to the  
9 immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion; will  
10 promote the development of the country for the benefit of all her  
11 inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice, and  
12 peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and  
13 political equality of all her citizens, without distinction of race,  
14 creed, or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship,  
15 education, and culture; and will safeguard the sanctity and  
16 inviolability of the shrines and holy places of all religions; and

17       WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Israel have enjoyed cordial  
18 and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that  
19 continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

20       WHEREAS, Israel is the only democratic state in the region and  
21 this year marks the sixty-eighth anniversary of the founding of this  
22 nation.

23       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
24 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1            THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby declare  
2 that it stands with Israel and the Jewish people in their right to  
3 live in freedom, free of terrorism in the safe and secure borders of  
4 their forefathers.

5            THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby commend  
6 Israel for her contribution to humankind, particularly in the fields  
7 of science and medicine and further calls on the God of Abraham,  
8 Isaac and Jacob to continue to bless Israel.

9            THAT the House of Representatives commends Israel for her  
10 cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the State of  
11 Oklahoma and supports Israel in her legal, historical, moral, and  
12 God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the  
13 entirety of her own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an  
14 attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that  
15 peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united  
16 Israel.

17            THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby  
18 congratulate the Nation of Israel on the occasion of the sixty-  
19 eighth anniversary of the founding of the nation.

20            THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Meir Shlomo,  
21 Ambassador and Consul General of Israel to the Southwest, the  
22 Chabbad Jewish Center, the Emanuel Synagogue, the Jewish Federation  
23 - Greater Oklahoma, Temple B'nai Israel, Hillel Jewish Student  
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1 Center, Kehilat ROSH Pinah and the Israeli Embassy in Washington,  
2 D.C.

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