

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 870

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the State of Israel and the Israeli people and condemning the violent events of October 7, 2023.

WHEREAS, the sovereign and independent nation of Israel was established on May 14, 1948, and was immediately recognized by the United States of America, leading to the establishment of full diplomatic relations between our two nations; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating unwavering resilience, the State of Israel has repeatedly been forced to defend itself and its people, surrounded by a hostile environment and constant threats; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel has one of the world's leading technological industries, is a pioneer in research and development in the fields of energy and medicine, and has long been a valued trading partner with the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Tennesseans, alongside people around the world, were horrified by the violent terrorist attacks launched against the Jewish people and the State of Israel that claimed the lives of more than 1,200 individuals in the initial attack; and

WHEREAS, following the attack, Hamas took hostage more than 240 Israeli and other foreign nationals, many of whom are still being held captive in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is an unequivocal supporter of the State of Israel and its right to exist and to defend itself against terror and threats to the security of its people; and

WHEREAS, our great State wishes to reiterate its unwavering commitment to the State of Israel by reaffirming our partnership of more than seventy-five years with Israel and the

Jewish people and our shared commitment to the advancement of democratic values, cultural ties, and the desire for peace among all people of all nations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the members of this General Assembly reaffirm our support for all people of the State of Israel and express our hope that the State of Israel and its neighbors can live in freedom and peace with mutual recognition of each other's dignity and autonomy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this General Assembly offer heartfelt condolences to all the victims of the attacks, as well as their families and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly condemns the terrorist actions that began on October 7, 2023, against the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly recognizes and reaffirms the State of Tennessee's support and reverence for the resilience of the Israeli people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Anat Sultan-Dadon, Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast United States.