

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1243

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Indigenous Embassy Jerusalem.

WHEREAS, envisioned for many years, the Indigenous Embassy Jerusalem is a long-awaited dream come true; the purpose of the embassy is to not only honor indigenous peoples all over the world, but first and foremost to support the Jewish people of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the new Indigenous Embassy Jerusalem is the 100th embassy recognized by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and its founders include two Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Embassy Jerusalem was founded by FireKeepers International's Chief Joseph Israel RiverWind of the Arawak Taino Tribe of Puerto Rico (Tennessee resident); his wife, Dr. Laralyn Israel RiverWind, Ambassador of the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee (Tennessee resident); Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem; Ateret Violet Shmuel of Indigenous Bridges; Dr. Sheree Trotter; and the Honorable Alfred Ngaro; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Embassy Jerusalem is a major step forward in international relations between indigenous peoples and the State of Israel; 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 we honor and recognize the Indigenous Embassy Jerusalem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.