

SJR29 INTRODUCED



1 SJR29

2 Y45L62N-1

3 By Senators Orr, Roberts, Chesteen, Williams, Waggoner,
4 Barfoot, Stutts, Shelnut, Kitchens, Elliott, Hovey, Carnley,
5 Kelley, Bell, Melson, Sessions, Livingston, Reed, Weaver,
6 Allen, Butler, Chambliss, Albritton, Beasley, Coleman,
7 Coleman-Madison, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Jones,
8 Price, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 05-Mar-24



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

SJR___ AFFIRMING THE STATE OF ALABAMA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN RECOGNIZING ISRAEL AS A SOVEREIGN NATION.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of World War II, the United States, along with the United Nations, recognized a need for the Jewish People to reestablish their historic homeland; in 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted for the establishment of two states in Palestine and the United States supported the relocation of Holocaust survivors to Palestine; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, at midnight, the Provisional Government of Israel proclaimed a new State of Israel; President Harry Truman, on the same date, became the first leader of a nation to recognize Israel as a sovereign government and authority of the Jewish state; and

WHEREAS, since 1948, the United States, and the State of Alabama, have continued to recognize the State of Israel as an independent nation; and

WHEREAS, most recently, President Donald Trump relocated the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, thereby recognizing the city as the capital of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with a charter, including stated goals of the destruction of Israel and murder of Jews, and has been designated by the United States and many



SJR29 INTRODUCED

29 other nations as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

30 WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a massive
31 unprovoked war on Israel by air, land, and sea, firing
32 thousands of rockets into the civilian population, and
33 launching a planned genocidal rampage murdering and
34 abducting Jews by raiding civilian homes and streets,
35 slaughtering innocent men, women, children, babies, the
36 elderly, and families with extreme cruelty, including
37 gang-rape, sexual violence, torture, mutilation, execution,
38 decapitation, burning alive, and other unspeakable acts; and

39 WHEREAS, targeting the 50th anniversary of the Yom
40 Kippur War, the October 7, 2023, attacks represent the
41 deadliest and most savage assault and brutal massacre of
42 Jews since the Holocaust, including vicious atrocities,
43 shocking barbarism, and vile crimes against humanity, and
44 Hamas officials have publicly stated it is only the first of
45 more to come; and

46 WHEREAS, Alabama and Israel share a commitment to
47 deeply held common values from the history of each shaped
48 greatly through the influence of Biblical faith, in addition
49 to many nationally shared values as the only democratic ally
50 of the United States in the Middle East; and

51 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is an unequivocal
52 supporter of the State of Israel and its right to defend
53 itself against terror, aggression, and threat to the safety
54 of its citizens; and

55 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is committed to the
56 welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel and



SJR29 INTRODUCED

57 supports its legal, historical, and moral right to
58 independence and self-determination in the ancestral
59 homeland of the Jewish People; and

60 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes that all
61 life is sacred, and every life lost is tragic and to be
62 avoided, and remains committed to a future where the State
63 of Israel and all her neighbors can live in peace, with
64 mutual recognition of each other's dignity and sovereignty;
65 and

66 WHEREAS, state officials and institutions have a
67 responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and
68 bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus and must be given
69 the tools to do so; and

70 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
71 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body continues to
72 support the United States in its affirmation of the
73 independent and sovereign Nation of Israel and:

74 (a) Honors the memory of the innocent lives lost and
75 commits to never forget the unwarranted and unjustified
76 vicious assault on Israel and the Jewish People on October
77 7, 2023.

78 (b) Condemns Hamas and all those who support their
79 violent, genocidal, and hateful acts - globally, in the
80 United States, and in the State of Alabama.

81 (c) Reaffirms unequivocal support for the State of
82 Israel as a Jewish state, recognizes that the Jewish People
83 are indigenous to the land of Israel, condemns all attacks
84 on the people of Israel, supports Israel's right to engage



SJR29 INTRODUCED

85 in lawful acts of self-defense, opposes all attempts to
86 economically and politically isolate Israel within the
87 international arena, and opposes all efforts to assault the
88 legitimacy of Israel as the sovereign homeland of the Jewish
89 People.

90 (d) Stands with Israel and the Jewish People as they
91 defend themselves and ensure the future safety of the
92 Israeli people after the barbaric massacre and war initiated
93 by Hamas and others to brutally violate, terrorize,
94 slaughter, and ethnically cleanse the land of Jews.

95 (e) Rejects the claims that Jews are colonizers in
96 their ancestral homeland, or occupiers in the land to which
97 they are indigenous, with testimony including more than
98 3,000 years of archaeology and history.