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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the State of Israel share a
- 2 deep and enduring friendship rooted in mutual values, economic
- 3 ties, and a commitment to democracy and security; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Since the establishment of diplomatic relations
- 5 between the United States and Israel in 1949, the bond between the
- 6 two nations has grown stronger, and Texas has played a significant
- 7 role in fostering economic, cultural, and strategic partnerships
- 8 with Israel; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Israel is a leader in technological innovation,
- 10 cybersecurity, energy, agriculture, and water conservation, which
- 11 are all areas that align closely with Texas' economic strengths;
- 12 those shared interests help to foster collaborative opportunities
- 13 for businesses, universities, and research institutions in both
- 14 regions; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Texas and Israel maintain a robust trade
- 16 relationship, and Texas ranks among the top U.S. states for exports
- 17 to Israel, contributing billions of dollars annually to the
- 18 economies of both regions through trade in the technology, medical
- 19 equipment, and defense industries; and
- WHEREAS, Texas and Israel have benefited immeasurably
- 21 through their decades-long alliance, and the regions have
- 22 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to promoting stability and
- 23 prosperity; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas

- 1 hereby reaffirm the enduring bond between Texas and Israel and
- 2 express its continued support for expanding economic, educational,
- 3 and cultural ties between the two regions; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate
- 5 hereby:
- 6 (a) express continuing support for the bilateral trade
- 7 agreement between the United States and Israel; and
- 8 (b) express support for a Texas Trade and Investment Office
- 9 in Jerusalem, Israel, the eternal, undivided capital of the State
- 10 of Israel, to be the center of trade and investment activities for
- 11 Israel and countries that are a part of the Abraham Accords or have
- 12 a signed peace treaty with Israel; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate
- 14 hereby recognize Israel for its contributions to global security,
- 15 technological advancements, and humanitarian efforts, and reaffirm
- 16 their commitment to deepening cooperation in areas of shared
- 17 interest; and, be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official
- 19 copies of this resolution to the Governor of Texas, to the President
- 20 of the United States, to the Israeli Ambassador to the United
- 21 States, and to the Consul General of Israel to Texas as an
- 22 expression of the sentiments of the Texas House of Representatives
- 23 and Senate.