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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the State of Israel share a
3 deep and enduring friendship rooted in mutual values, economic
4 ties, and a commitment to democracy and security; and

5 WHEREAS, Since the establishment of diplomatic relations
6 between the United States and Israel in 1949, the bond between the
7 two nations has grown stronger, and Texas has played a significant
8 role in fostering economic, cultural, and strategic partnerships
9 with Israel; and

10 WHEREAS, Israel is a leader in technological innovation,
11 cybersecurity, energy, agriculture, and water conservation, which
12 are all areas that align closely with Texas' economic strengths;
13 those shared interests help to foster collaborative opportunities
14 for businesses, universities, and research institutions in both
15 regions; and

16 WHEREAS, Texas and Israel maintain a robust trade
17 relationship, and Texas ranks among the top U.S. states for exports
18 to Israel, contributing billions of dollars annually to the
19 economies of both regions through trade in the technology, medical
20 equipment, and defense industries; and

21 WHEREAS, Texas and Israel have benefited immeasurably
22 through their decades-long alliance, and the regions have
23 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to promoting stability and
24 prosperity; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby reaffirm the enduring bond between Texas and Israel and
3 express its continued support for expanding economic, educational,
4 and cultural ties between the two regions; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate
6 hereby:

7 (a) express continuing support for the bilateral trade
8 agreement between the United States and Israel; and

9 (b) express support for a Texas Trade and Investment Office
10 in Jerusalem, Israel, the eternal, undivided capital of the State
11 of Israel, to be the center of trade and investment activities for
12 Israel and countries that are a part of the Abraham Accords or have
13 a signed peace treaty with Israel; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate
15 hereby recognize Israel for its contributions to global security,
16 technological advancements, and humanitarian efforts, and reaffirm
17 their commitment to deepening cooperation in areas of shared
18 interest; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official
20 copies of this resolution to the Governor of Texas, to the President
21 of the United States, to the Israeli Ambassador to the United
22 States, and to the Consul General of Israel to Texas as an
23 expression of the sentiments of the Texas House of Representatives
24 and Senate.