

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 924

WHEREAS, Citizens across the State of Texas are joining Jewish communities and people around the world in observing Israel's Day of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Each year this event, also called Yom HaAtzmaut, is observed on the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by the Israeli Parliament in 1948 as marking the creation of the modern State of Israel, a beacon of democracy in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment, the State of Israel has faced many challenges; in the pursuit of peace and security, Israel seeks to protect its citizens from fear and instability; with the recent Palestinian election of Mahmoud Abbas, Israel hopes to have a committed Palestinian partner, and hopes that new steps toward security, tranquility, and peace will be taken; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the State of Israel share the common values of democracy, freedom, and liberty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the State of Israel and join the Consulate General of Israel to the Southwest United States in encouraging all Texans to celebrate the 57th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel on May 12, 2005; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the citizens of the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate