

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 694

**WHEREAS**, Israel has been granted her lands as recorded in the Old Testament; and

**WHEREAS**, The presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and

**WHEREAS**, The basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding resolution under international law, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, This resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples that already existed under international instruments; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and her people; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel is a great friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Texas and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Texas and support Israel in its right of self-governance and self-defense.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate