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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Texas and the State of Israel have mutually  
2 benefited from an enduring relationship forged through common  
3 values and historical and cultural ties; and

4           WHEREAS, The United States became the first country to  
5 recognize Israel as a sovereign nation in 1948, and since that time,  
6 the two great lands have been strengthened by their alliance in  
7 economic trade, diplomacy, and national security; and

8           WHEREAS, Through the years, trade has been a vital link  
9 between Texas and Israel, with state exports to Israel totaling  
10 nearly \$600 million in 2013; this strong commercial partnership has  
11 resulted in more robust economies and even greater cross-cultural  
12 understanding; and

13           WHEREAS, Relations between Texas and Israel have  
14 immeasurably contributed to the prosperity enjoyed by both, and  
15 their lasting friendship is a testament to the profound respect and  
16 steadfast commitment that they share; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
18 hereby declare the State of Israel a major strategic ally of Texas  
19 and reaffirm its dedication to continuing their long-standing and  
20 productive relationship.