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H.R. No. 2505

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Around the world, incidents of anti-Semitism are  
2 increasing, and Israel and its supporters are deeply concerned  
3 about the role played by the international Boycott, Divestment, and  
4 Sanctions movement as a vehicle for spreading anti-Semitism and  
5 advocating the elimination of the Jewish state; and

6           WHEREAS, The dramatic increase in BDS campaign activities on  
7 college campuses around the country has resulted in increased  
8 animosity, and it negatively impacts student programming related to  
9 Israel and politics in the Middle East; in Texas, such campaigns are  
10 harmful to the state's relationship with Israel and its Jewish  
11 citizens, and they have a deleterious impact on the learning  
12 environment; and

13           WHEREAS, Many of the largest academic associations in the  
14 United States have condemned the BDS campaign's call for academic  
15 boycotts; moreover, a host of university presidents and leading  
16 scholars have spoken out against such boycotts as violations of the  
17 bedrock principle of academic freedom; and

18           WHEREAS, The United States has consistently reaffirmed the  
19 Jewish people's right to self-determination, as well as the right  
20 of Israel to engage in lawful acts of self-defense, and by failing  
21 to recognize those rights, the international BDS movement is  
22 seeking to undermine our nation's endeavors in behalf of peace,  
23 justice, and human rights; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

1 Legislature hereby condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms and  
2 express its opposition to the international Boycott, Divestment,  
3 and Sanctions movement; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward official copies of  
5 this resolution to the president of the United States, to the  
6 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
8 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
9 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
10 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.