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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Israel's water management policies have placed it at  
2 the forefront of innovation, and the Lone Star State is fortunate to  
3 share in the exchange of knowledge through its close relationship  
4 with Israel and the efforts of the Texas-Israel Alliance, as well as  
5 ongoing efforts by the Jewish Federations of Texas, Hadassah, and  
6 other organizations in the Texas Jewish community, as well as the  
7 broader pro-Israel community composed of all faiths and political  
8 affiliations; and

9           WHEREAS, Although drought is a perennial problem in Texas,  
10 the state is only 12 percent desert, while Israel is 60 percent  
11 desert and 40 percent semiarid land; determined to "make the desert  
12 bloom," Israel has enjoyed spectacular success through a  
13 combination of strong water policy, cutting-edge water-saving  
14 technologies, and the diversification of water sources; and

15           WHEREAS, The Texas-Israel Alliance established the  
16 Israel-Texas Water Initiative with a team of five Israeli and four  
17 Texan experts; together, they have worked to identify technologies  
18 and methods developed by Israel that can be implemented by local  
19 water utilities or mandated through legislation; and

20           WHEREAS, Droughts exact an enormous economic and human toll  
21 on our state, but as we look for creative, innovative solutions, our  
22 enduring partnership with Israel is improving our ability to  
23 strengthen drought resiliency and act as effective stewards of  
24 critical water resources; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize the nation of Israel for its  
3 outstanding achievements in water management; and, be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives express  
5 appreciation for the important contributions of the Texas-Israel  
6 Alliance and the advisors in its Israel-Texas Water Initiative, the  
7 Jewish Federations of Texas, Hadassah, and other organizations in  
8 the Texas Jewish community, as well as the broader pro-Israel  
9 community composed of all faiths and political affiliations.