SENATE AMENDMENT NO.

Offered by

Of

03/27/2024 Amend <u>SCS/Senate Concurrent</u> Resolution Nos. <u>24 & 25</u>, Page <u>582</u>, Section _____, Line <u>11</u>,

by inserting after all of said line the following: 2 3 "Whereas, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the oldest deed, as recorded in the Torah or Old 4 5 Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike; and 6 7 Whereas, Missouri recognizes the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel that has remained constant 8 throughout the past four thousand years; and 9 10 Whereas, Missouri recognizes Israel's declared independence and self-governance that began on May 14, 1948, 11 with the goal of reestablishing its legally recognized lands 12 as a homeland for the Jewish people; and 13 Whereas, Missouri's son, U.S. President Harry S. 14 Truman, was the first world leader to officially recognize 15 Israel as a legitimate Jewish state on May 14, 1948, only 16 17 eleven minutes after its creation; and Whereas, Missouri agrees with and supports the U.S. 18 19 presidential decision on December 6, 2017, to recognize 20 Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel; and Whereas, the United States of America and the state of 21 Missouri have enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial 22 relationship with Israel and its people; and 23 Whereas, Israel is a great friend and ally of the 24 United States of America in the Middle East; and"; and 25

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26 further amend line 14, by inserting after all of said line 27 the following:

28 "Whereas, Missouri aims to express solidarity with the29 people of Israel in its fight against terrorism; and

30 Whereas, civilian casualties are a concern in any 31 conflict, and holding those responsible for such casualties 32 accountable is a shared value; and

33 Whereas, Missouri acknowledges Israel's sovereign right 34 and duty to defend its citizens and therefore to prosecute 35 the war until the threat posed by Hamas and other terrorist 36 organizations is eradicated; and

37 Whereas, Israel has a long history of standing in 38 strong support of the United States, its people, and its 39 democratic values, in stark contrast to the extremist 40 regimes that are providing financing and other support for 41 the terrorist organizations that threaten Israel; and"; and

Further amend line 18, by inserting after "hereby" the following: "commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States of America and the state of Missouri since 1948 and believe that the relationship shall continue to strengthen and be valued in this state and in this country, in all its dimensions; and

Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly
supports Israel's right to exist and recognizes Jerusalem as
the eternal capital of Israel; and

51 Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly stands 52 in unequivocal support of Israel in its efforts to defend 53 its citizens and eliminate the threat posed by Hamas and 54 other terrorist organizations, including Islamic Jihad; and

55 Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly 56 supports Israel's inalienable right to prosecute the war 57 until the threat posed by Hamas and other terrorist

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58 organizations is eradicated, with the hope for a swift and 59 just resolution to the conflict; and

60 Be It Further Resolved that the General Assembly"; and 61 further amend said line by striking "urge" and inserting in 62 lieu thereof the following: "urges"; and further amend line 63 22, by inserting after "delegation" the following; "and the 64 Israeli Consulate General to the Midwest in Miami, Florida".