

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 3/27/14

Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 **Commending the State of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with**
2 **the United States and Alaska; and supporting the right of the State of Israel to self-**
3 **governance and self-defense.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** the land of the State of Israel was originally granted to the people of
6 Israel by a deed recorded in the Old Testament; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Jewish people have lived in and claimed the land belonging to the
8 State of Israel for 4,000 years; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1920, the San Remo Resolution established the legal basis under
10 international law for the modern State of Israel; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1922, the Council of the League of Nations confirmed the San Remo
12 Resolution and the United States Congress enacted a joint resolution that was signed by the
13 President supporting a national state for the Jewish people; and

14 **WHEREAS** the San Remo Resolution confirmed the establishment of a national
15 home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including the areas

1 of Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem; and

2 **WHEREAS** the action taken by the Council of the League of Nations in 1922 remains
3 valid, and the 650,000 Jewish persons in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem
4 reside there legitimately because, in 1945, Article 80 of the United Nations Charter
5 recognized the validity of their existing rights under international law; and

6 **WHEREAS** the State of Israel declared its independence and self-governance on
7 May 14, 1948, with the goal of establishing its historical and legally recognized land as a
8 homeland for Jewish people; and

9 **WHEREAS** the United States was the first country to recognize the State of Israel as
10 an independent nation and, as the principal ally of the State of Israel, enjoys a close and
11 mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and its people; and

12 **WHEREAS** the State of Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in
13 the Middle East, and the values of the two nations are intertwined and impossible to separate;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS** Alaska and the State of Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually
16 beneficial relations since 1948, and this friendship grows stronger each year; and

17 **WHEREAS** the persons in the Middle East who are trying to destroy Israel also hate
18 the United States and seek to destroy the United States; and

19 **WHEREAS** the State of Israel has the right to defend itself from those who try to
20 destroy it and has used force only when necessary to defend itself; and

21 **WHEREAS** peace cannot be achieved in the Middle East unless Israel is united and
22 whole;

23 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends the State of Israel
24 for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and Alaska and
25 supports the legal, historical, and moral right of the State of Israel to self-governance and the
26 defense of its lands.