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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003

Introduced by: Representatives Wick, Bartling, Bolin, Cammack, Cronin, Feickert, Feinstein, Gibson, Gosch, Greenfield, Hansen, Hawley, Heinemann (Leslie), Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Killer, Kirschman, Kopp, Latterell, Lust, May, Miller, Munsterman, Novstrup (David), Olson (Betty), Parsley, Qualm, Rasmussen, Rounds, Rozum, Schaefer, Sly, Stalzer, Steele, Tyler, Verchio, and Wink and Senators Johnston, Adelstein, Begalka, Bradford, Brown, Buhl, Ewing, Frerichs, Heineman (Phyllis), Holien, Hunhoff (Jean), Jensen, Jones, Kirkeby, Krebs, Lederman, Lucas, Maher, Monroe, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Russell), Omdahl, Otten (Ernie), Peters, Rempelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Soholt, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, Van Gerpen, Vehle, Welke, and White

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commending the nation of Israel for its cordial relationship
2 with the United States and with the State of South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the oldest recorded deed,
4 as recorded in the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and
5 Christians, alike, as presenting the acts and words of God; and

6 WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant
7 throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and

8 WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the State of Israel was a binding
9 resolution under international law, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations
10 in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish



1 people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including areas of Judea, Samaria, and
2 Jerusalem; and

3 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of
4 the rights granted to states or peoples which already existed under international instruments.
5 Therefore, the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000 Jews currently
6 residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

7 WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with
8 the goal of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized lands as a homeland for the
9 Jewish people; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an
11 independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close relationship with Israel and
12 her people; and

13 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and
14 the values of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the
15 other; and

16 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy
17 Israel, from the time of its inception as a state, and many of those who demonstrate animosity
18 toward Israel also demonstrate animosity toward the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of South Dakota and have enjoyed a cordial
20 relationship with Israel since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing
21 year:

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
23 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
24 Dakota Legislature commends Israel for its cordial and steadfast relationship with the United

1 States and with the State of South Dakota and supports Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and
2 God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands,
3 recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and
4 that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel governed under one
5 law for all people.