

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3029

Introduced by

Representatives Grande, Dosch, Heller, Kasper, Nathe, Thoreson

Senators Burckhard, Dever, Larsen, Miller, O'Connell

1 A concurrent resolution commending the nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial
2 relationship with the United States and with the state of North 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 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob promised in Genesis 12:3 to bless~~
7 ~~those that bless Israel, through the promise He made to Abraham, as follows, "And I will bless~~
8 ~~them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the~~
9 ~~earth be blessed,"; and~~

10 ~~— **WHEREAS**, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant~~
11 ~~throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and~~

12 **WHEREAS**, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern state of Israel was a
13 binding resolution under international law, which was unanimously adopted by the League of
14 Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress; and

15 **WHEREAS**, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish
16 people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and
17 Jerusalem; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of the
19 rights granted to states or peoples which already existed under international instruments, and,
20 therefore, the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000 Jews currently
21 residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an
2 independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial
3 relationship with Israel and her people; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, there are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy
8 Israel, from the time of its inception as a state, and those same enemies of Israel also hate and
9 seek to destroy, the United States; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota and the nation of Israel have enjoyed cordial and
11 mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each
12 passing year;

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**
14 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

15 That the members of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly commend Israel for its cordial
16 and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the state of North Dakota
17 and support Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance and
18 self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking
19 force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that peace can be afforded the region only
20 through a whole and united Israel; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to
22 the President of the United States, the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, and each
23 member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.