

Senator Curtis S. Bramble proposes the following substitute bill:

STANDING WITH ISRAEL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

House Sponsor: Ken Ivory

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes Israel's legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ commends Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the state of Utah;
- ▶ expresses support for Israel in its legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense upon its own lands; and
- ▶ recognizes that Israel is not an attacking force of other nations, and that peace can be afforded the region only through combined efforts and trust.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the Jewish people have a long standing connection to the land of Israel;

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



26 WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948,
27 with the goal of reestablishing a homeland for the Jewish people;

28 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first nation to recognize Israel as an
29 independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial
30 relationship with Israel and her people;

31 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East
32 and the two countries enjoy strong bonds and common values;

33 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who, since the time of Israel's inception
34 as a state, have continually sought to destroy Israel;

35 WHEREAS, Israel and the United States have similar goals of democracy and stability
36 in the Middle East; and

37 WHEREAS, Utah and Israel have enjoyed a cordial and mutually beneficial
38 relationship since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
40 Governor concurring therein, commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial
41 relationship with the United States and with the state of Utah.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express support
43 for Israel in its legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense upon its
44 lands.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize that
46 Israel is not an attacking force of other nations, and that peace can be afforded the region only
47 through combined efforts and trust.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Embassy of
49 Israel to the United States, the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United
50 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of
51 Utah's congressional delegation.