

SENATE RESOLUTION 18

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A RESOLUTION to express support for the Nation of Israel.

WHEREAS, Israel has long been, and remains, America's most reliable partner in the Middle East, with both nations bound closely by historic and cultural ties as well as by mutual interests; and

WHEREAS, the United States was the first country to recognize Israel as a state in 1948, and the first to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the United States participates in a high number of exchanges with Israel, to include joint military exercises, military research, and weapons development, and through the Joint Counterterrorism Group and a semiannual Strategic Dialogue, the United States and Israel have enhanced their cooperation in fighting terrorism; and

WHEREAS, at this time of continued uncertainty in the world, Tennessee again desires to reaffirm its friendship with the Nation of Israel by expressing its unequivocal support for the Nation of Israel; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the Nation of Israel and extend Tennessee's friendship and esteem as we remain steadfast in our support of the Nation of Israel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the Nation of Israel, and transmitted to each member of the Tennessee congressional delegation.