

Recognition of the Nation of Israel

Whereas current administrative policy has begun to erode our long-standing support of the nation and state of Israel, it is essential that we reaffirm our commitment to our basic Judeo-Christian foundations as espoused in the 2010 Republican Party of Texas platform.

Whereas, those who oppose Israel's right to exist also seek to destroy the United States of America; while Israel, our democratic ally, shares many common interests, beliefs, and values of the American people; and

Whereas, in 2010, Texas exported over \$675 million worth of manufactured goods to Israel, whereby the total value of exports since 1996 exceeds \$9.9 billion; and Israel now ranks as Texas' 15th leading trade partner; and

Whereas, Governor Rick Perry, in August 2009, received the Defender of Jerusalem award, which is given to public figures who have demonstrated support and commitment to the state of Israel and its capitol, which lead to the founding of the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Texas companies received nearly \$43.5 million in 2010 for U.S. government-funded military contracts with Israel through the Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program (U.S. military assistance to Israel).

Be it resolved by the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas, by this resolution, that this body supports Israel's natural and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others; and,

Be it further resolved by the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas, that while we do not have any control over foreign policy in the United States, this resolution is a firm indictment of the President's current handling of Israeli affairs; and,

Be it further resolved by the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas, by this resolution; that the nation of Israel be recognized for its relations, contributions, and support, as an important ally of the United States of America and particularly the State of Texas;

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Texas, the Israeli Consulate General to the Southwest, and all Republican United States Senators and House of Representatives members from Texas, with a request and recommendation of this body that a similar resolution be proposed within their respective entities and scope of influence.

Adopted by the SREC October 1, 2011

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