
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL FOR THEIR
COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE
STRENGTHENING OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE UNITED
STATES-ISRAEL ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have built a strong
2 long standing relationship since May 14, 1948, and both nations
3 share common values including a commitment to democratic
4 governance and support for individual liberty and human rights;
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7 WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have benefitted from
8 a partnership that stimulates business, generates economic
9 development, creates jobs and increases investment between the
10 two democracies; and
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12 WHEREAS, the United States is Israel's largest trading
13 partner, and in 2009, United States goods exported to Israel
14 amounted to \$9,300,000,000 and United States imports from Israel
15 were \$18,300,000,000; and
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17 WHEREAS, the 1985 United States-Israel Free Trade
18 Agreement, the United States' first- and Israel's second-ever
19 bilateral trade agreement, has promoted mutual economic
20 development along with trade expansion and cooperation; and
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22 WHEREAS, the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement has
23 led to an almost ten-fold increase in bilateral trade in goods
24 since its inception; and
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26 WHEREAS, according to the Embassy of Israel's Commercial
27 Trade Mission in the United States, between 2000 and 2009,
28 United States' direct investment in Israel totaled
29 \$77,000,000,000 and Israel's direct investment in the United
30 States during the same period totaled \$51,300,000,000; and
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32 WHEREAS, the alliance with Israel serves national security
33 interests due to Israel's shared democratic values, geostrategic



1 location, first-rate intelligence apparatus, and military
2 strength and this strategic partnership is fortified by
3 expanding the military and intelligence coordination network
4 between the United States and Israel; and

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6 WHEREAS, strategic partnership also includes Israel's
7 contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization through
8 its status as a member state of the North Atlantic Treaty
9 Organization's Mediterranean Dialogue, in which Israel has
10 greatly contributed to regional stability and has demonstrated
11 an active commitment to the alliance's regional outreach and
12 cooperation; and

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14 WHEREAS, this body recognizes the strong cultural,
15 economic, and strategic bonds that exist between the nation of
16 Israel and the State of Hawaii; and

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18 WHEREAS, the late United States Senator Daniel Inouye
19 described Israel as "one country [that] stands out as a
20 foundation of stability and a pillar of democracy"; now,
21 therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2013, that this body commends the strategic
26 partnership between the United States and the nation of Israel
27 and their mutual commitment to democracy and human rights, and
28 encourages the continuing strong relationship between Israel,
29 the United States, and Hawaii; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the
32 Governor of Hawaii to embark on a trade mission to Israel to
33 experience firsthand the enhanced opportunities for economic
34 cooperation and job growth resulting from the relationship
35 between the nation of Israel and the State of Hawaii; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
39 the Prime Minister of Israel, Israel's Ambassador to the United
40 States, the United States Ambassador to Israel, the United
41 States Trade Representative Ambassador, the United States
42 Secretary of Defense, the Israeli Minister of Defense, the



1 United States Secretary of State, the Israeli Minister of
2 Foreign Affairs, and the Governor of Hawaii.

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