1-1 By: King, et al. 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2025; March 6, 2025, 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development; 1-4 March 18, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, 1-5 Nays 0; March 18, 2025, sent to printer.)

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COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	King	Х			
1-9	Sparks	Х			
1-10	Alvarado	Х			
1-11	Johnson	Х			
1-12	Schwertner	Х			

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-14 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the State of Israel share a 1-15 deep and enduring friendship rooted in mutual values, economic 1-16 ties, and a commitment to democracy and security; and

1-17 WHEREAS, Since the establishment of diplomatic relations 1-18 between the United States and Israel in 1949, the bond between the 1-19 two nations has grown stronger, and Texas has played a significant 1-20 role in fostering economic, cultural, and strategic partnerships 1-21 with Israel; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Israel is a leader in technological innovation, 1-23 cybersecurity, energy, agriculture, and water conservation, which 1-24 are all areas that align closely with Texas' economic strengths; 1-25 those shared interests help to foster collaborative opportunities 1-26 for businesses, universities, and research institutions in both 1-27 regions; and

1-28 WHEREAS, Texas and Israel maintain a robust trade 1-29 relationship, and Texas ranks among the top U.S. states for exports 1-30 to Israel, contributing billions of dollars annually to the 1-31 economies of both regions through trade in the technology, medical 1-32 equipment, and defense industries; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Texas and Israel have benefited immeasurably 1-34 through their decades-long alliance, and the regions have 1-35 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to promoting stability and 1-36 prosperity; now, therefore, be it

1-36 prosperity; now, therefore, be it 1-37 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas 1-38 hereby reaffirm the enduring bond between Texas and Israel and 1-39 express its continued support for expanding economic, educational, 1-40 and cultural ties between the two regions; and, be it further

1-41 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate 1-42 hereby:

1-43 (a) express continuing support for the bilateral trade 1-44 agreement between the United States and Israel; and

1-45 (b) express support for a Texas Trade and Investment Office 1-46 in Jerusalem, Israel, the eternal, undivided capital of the State 1-47 of Israel, to be the center of trade and investment activities for 1-48 Israel and countries that are a part of the Abraham Accords or have 1-49 a signed peace treaty with Israel; and, be it further

1-50 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate 1-51 hereby recognize Israel for its contributions to global security, 1-52 technological advancements, and humanitarian efforts, and reaffirm 1-53 their commitment to deepening cooperation in areas of shared 1-54 interest; and, be it further

1-55 RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official 1-56 copies of this resolution to the Governor of Texas, to the President 1-57 of the United States, to the Israeli Ambassador to the United 1-58 States, and to the Consul General of Israel to Texas as an 1-59 expression of the sentiments of the Texas House of Representatives 1-60 and Senate.

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