

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States and to urge and request the President of the United States to maintain steadfast support for the State of Israel and express vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders.

WHEREAS, there has been established and recognized Jewish communities throughout the state of Louisiana since the early eighteenth century and in 1828, the first Jewish congregation was formed in Louisiana, located in New Orleans, known as the Gates of Mercy Synagogue; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of Israel have a long history of friendship and are great allies in support of each other's interest; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, January 9, 2009, the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress passed House Resolution 34 with overwhelming support which recognized Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza, passing with three hundred and ninety votes "yea", five votes "nay", twenty-two voting "present" and sixteen not voting; and

WHEREAS, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob promised in Genesis 12:3 to bless those that bless Israel, through the promise He made to Abraham, as follows: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel and the United States each continue to experience terrorist attacks on innocent civilians, as well as our military personnel, as a result of suicide missions and other forms of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, at this time of continued uncertainty in the world, Louisiana again desires to reaffirm its desire that the United States of America remain a strong and unequivocal supporter of the State of Israel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States and urges and requests the President of the United States to maintain steadfast support for the State of Israel and express vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, the office of the President of the United States of America, and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES