

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 120

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, Israel was born on May 14, 1948, as an independent, democratic, Jewish state built on the framework of liberty, justice, and peace; and

WHEREAS, Israel has much to commemorate and celebrate, most notably the fact that it has established itself in a short time as a free, modern, and politically stable nation; and

WHEREAS, Israel is a leading world contributor toward the advancement of agriculture, computer science, electronics, genetics, medicine, engineering, art, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the people of Nebraska have enjoyed a well-established economic partnership with the people of Israel; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has led to numerous trade arrangements with Israel that totaled nearly \$47,000,000 in total trade in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is currently the only state authorized to ship kosher beef to Israel; and

WHEREAS, several of Nebraska's irrigation and agricultural-technology companies lead in exports to Israel, helping to strengthen Israel's agricultural economy and advance sustainable water use research; and

WHEREAS, Israel continues to stand united with America as beacons for democracy and freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature acknowledges the rich history of friendship and commerce between Nebraska and Israel and strongly supports the Jewish State.

2. That the Legislature congratulates and salutes Israel on the occasion of its 69th anniversary and expresses admiration for Israel's accomplishments

and strength and best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous future.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, Aviv Ezra, and to the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Ron Dermer.