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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions 1
movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Ohio have a history 3
of standing against bigotry, oppression, discrimination, and 4
injustice; and 5

WHEREAS, Ohio and Israel have a long history of friendship 6
and are great allies in support of each other's interests; and 7

WHEREAS, The State of Israel, the only democracy in the 8
Middle East, is the greatest friend and ally of the United 9

States in the Middle East; and 10

WHEREAS, Ohio is committed to increasing the ties and 11
interactions in business, government, the arts, culture, and 12
education between the State of Ohio and the State of Israel, 13
further strengthening the historic ties between our State and 14
that country; and 15

WHEREAS, Ties between Ohio's and Israel's academic, 16
research, business, and nonprofit communities are both robust 17
and longstanding; and 18

WHEREAS, The elected representatives of Ohio recognize the 19
importance of expressing their unabridged support for the Jewish 20
people and the State of Israel's right to exist and thrive, and 21
their unabridged support for Israel's right of self-defense; and 22

WHEREAS, There are increasing incidents of anti-Semitism 23
around the world, including across the United States and in 24
Ohio, including desecration of Jewish religious sites; and 25

WHEREAS, The international Boycott, Divestment, and 26
Sanctions movement is one of the main vehicles for legitimizing 27
anti-Semitism on campus and advocating the elimination of the 28
Jewish State; and 29

WHEREAS, Anti-Israel activities and activities promoting 30
the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel 31
are widespread in the State of Ohio, including on several 32
university campuses and in other Ohio communities, and 33
contribute to anti-Semitic and anti-Zionistic propaganda and 34
threats to both American and Israeli Jewish students, and result 35
in deliberate interference with the learning environment of all 36
students; and 37

WHEREAS, The dramatic increase in Boycott, Divestment, and 38
Sanctions campaign activities on college campuses around the 39
country has resulted in increased animosity and intimidation 40

against Jewish students, negatively impacting student 41
programming of vital importance to all American students related 42
to the State of Israel and politics in the Middle East; and 43

WHEREAS, Leaders of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions 44
movement say their goal is to eliminate Israel as the home of 45
the Jewish people, and signs and messaging at anti-Israel 46
rallies have adopted the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions 47
movement's theme slogan, "Palestine forever, Israel Never Ever" 48
meaning that the State of Israel would cease to exist, falsely 49
denying the Jewish people's and Israel's historical connection 50
to its ancient home in the Land of Israel, including the present 51
day State of Israel, and Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, which 52
were the heartland of the ancient nations of Israel and Judah; 53
and 54

WHEREAS, Ohio's elected representatives who defend the 55
inalienable right to free speech understand that the goals and 56
activities of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaigns in 57
Ohio are harmful to the State's relationships with Ohio's Jewish 58
citizens, with Ohio's non-Jewish citizens who support the State 59
of Israel and the Jewish people, and with the Jewish homeland, 60
Israel, and have a deleterious impact on the educational 61
environment; and 62

WHEREAS, The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign's 63
call for academic boycotts has been condemned by many of our 64
nation's largest academic associations, over two hundred fifty 65
university presidents, and many other leading scholars as a 66
violation of the bedrock principle of academic freedom; and 67

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly condemn all 68
groups, including white nationalist, neo-Nazi, and national 69
socialist groups, that promote hatred, religious persecution, or 70
violence towards others; now therefore be it 71

RESOLVED, That the members of the General Assembly condemn 72
the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement 73
and its activities in Ohio for legitimizing anti-Semitism and 74
for seeking to undermine the Jewish people's right to self- 75
determination, which they are fulfilling in the State of Israel; 76
and be it further 77

RESOLVED, That the members of the General Assembly condemn 78
activities that contribute directly or indirectly to the denial, 79
violation, or delegitimization of any people's academic freedom, 80
including, but not limited to, promotion of academic boycotts by 81
the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel; 82
and be it further 83

RESOLVED, That the members of the General Assembly consider 84
the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement 85
and its agenda inherently antithetical and deeply damaging to 86
the causes of peace, justice, equality, democracy, and human 87
rights for all peoples in the Middle East and in the United 88
States; and be it further 89

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 90
Assembly of the State of Ohio, reaffirm our support for the 91
State of Israel, recognize that the Jewish people are indigenous 92
to the land of Israel, condemn all attacks on the people of 93
Israel, support Israel's right to engage in lawful acts of self- 94
defense, and oppose all attempts to deny the legitimacy of 95
Israel as a sovereign state; and be it further 96

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 97
Assembly of the State of Ohio, reaffirm our position that the 98
trustees, administrators, and educators at all levels in our 99
universities in Ohio, must take an active stand against all 100
anti-Semitic actions and intimidation taken against Jewish 101
students on their campuses, whereby all students may feel safe, 102
and be safe, from harm due to these pernicious activities; and 103

be it further 104

RESOLVED, That the members of the General Assembly 105
encourage and support the exercise of free speech and civil 106
debate, particularly on college campuses, and further encourage 107
university and college administrations to curb any impediments 108
to free speech and any abridgment of free speech on campus by 109
any individuals or groups, and urge them to take disciplinary 110
action against all students, faculty, and administrators who 111
engage in actions that abridge free speech on campus in 112
violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the 113
United States; and be it further 114

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 115
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 116
President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the 117
United States House of Representatives, the President and 118
Secretary of the United States Senate, the Chancellor of Higher 119
Education and each of the nine members of the Ohio Board of 120
Regents, the provosts and chairpersons of the boards of trustees 121
of all Ohio public and private colleges and universities, and 122
the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the 123
proper authorities in the State of Israel. 124