

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIER.

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1 **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri and Israel share a deep and abiding friendship based
2 on a shared commitment to democratic values; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Missouri’s own President Harry S. Truman announced on May 14, 1948,
5 that the United States would become the first country to recognize the new Nation of Israel; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, since its establishment, Israel has fulfilled the dreams of its founders, who
8 evidence a vigorous, open, and stable democracy; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Israel’s Declaration of Independence enshrines a foundation of freedom and
11 democracy using the strongest possible language that Israel will “ensure complete equality of
12 social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will
13 guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture...” This idea is
14 practiced in the unbroken tradition of free and open elections that is a necessary component to
15 any vibrant democracy; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the election on March 17, 2015, is the most recent example of the
18 commitment of Israel to the democratic ideals of freedom and pluralism, ideals that Israel shares
19 with the United States; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Israel has a special relationship with the state of Missouri through cultural
22 and economic partnerships resulting in numerous Israeli companies locating in Missouri for their
23 North American headquarters as well as the Cooperative agreement between the Chief Science
24 Officer of Israel and the Missouri Department of Economic Development to foster strategic
25 partnerships between Israeli- and Missouri-based companies developing cutting edge
26 technologies in agricultural science and other key technologies:

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28 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
29 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
30 concurring therein, hereby:

31 (1) Express their respect and admiration for the people of Israel;

32 (2) Commend the people of Israel for reaffirming their dedication to democratic ideals
33 as expressed in the election on March 17, 2015; and

34 (3) Restate the mission of the Missouri-Israel Cooperative Agreement, signed by the
35 Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Israel Ministry of Industry and Trade
36 in 1988, which calls for projects of mutual economic benefit through improved trade, technology
37 development, science, agriculture, and tourism; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Prime
41 Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, and the Director of the Missouri Department of
42 Economic Development.

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