

Senator Kahn offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 126.**

A resolution to reaffirm the relationship between Michigan and Israel and express Michigan's support for policies that advance the partnership between the United States and Israel.

Whereas, Michigan and Israel have a long and rich history of friendship. This friendship is defined in the numerous grants, projects, and initiatives that exist among citizens, businesses, and governmental entities. These shared efforts and exchanges have taken place in virtually all fields of endeavor, including commerce, agriculture, medicine, academics, culture, and technology; and

Whereas, The friendships between the people of Michigan and Israel mirror the close bonds shared by our countries; and

Whereas, The nation of Israel declared its independent control and governance of the land of its origins on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing the homeland for the Jewish people; and

Whereas, The United States of America, the first country to recognize Israel as an independent nation in 1948, is Israel's principal ally. Indeed, Israel is the United States' greatest friend in the Middle East; and

Whereas, The roots of Israel and the roots of the United States are so intertwined that it is difficult to separate one from the other. There is abundant evidence of the shared goals and aspirations of our people; and

Whereas, There are those in the Middle East who have sought to destroy Israel from its inception as a nation; and

Whereas, With our shared histories and interwoven futures, it is appropriate to reaffirm this sense of commitment, especially as threats in the fragile and volatile Middle East continue to rise; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we reaffirm the relationship between Michigan and Israel and express Michigan's support for policies that advance the partnership between the United States and Israel; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.