By: Senator(s) Brown, Collins, Clarke, Burton, Hill, Gandy, Watson, Doty

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 562

1	A CONCURRE	NT RESOLUTION	COMMENDING	THE NATION	OF ISRAEL	FOR
2	ITS CORDIAL AND	MUTUALLY BEN	EFICIAL RELA	ATIONSHIP W	ITH THE UNI	TEI
3	STATES AND WITH	THE STATE OF	MISSISSIPPI	- - •		

- WHEREAS, Israel has been granted her lands under and through
- 5 the oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, a tome
- 6 of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike,
- 7 as presenting the acts and words of God; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the claim and presence of the Jewish people in
- 9 Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of
- 10 history; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the legal basis for the establishment of the modern
- 12 State of Israel was a binding resolution under international law,
- 13 which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and
- 14 subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States
- 15 Congress; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this resolution affirmed the establishment of a
- 17 national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of

- 18 the Land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and
- 19 Jerusalem; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Article 80 of the United Nations Charter recognized
- 21 the continued validity of the rights granted to states or people
- 22 which already existed under international instruments, and,
- 23 therefore, the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid,
- 24 and the 650,000 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea,
- 25 Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and
- 26 WHEREAS, Israel declared its independence and self-governance
- 27 on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its God-given and
- 28 legally recognized lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and
- 29 WHEREAS, the United States, having been the first country to
- 30 recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's
- 31 principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial
- 32 relationship with Israel and her people; and
- 33 WHEREAS, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United
- 34 States in the Middle East and the values of our two nations are so
- 35 intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other;
- 36 and
- 37 WHEREAS, there are those in the Middle East who have
- 38 continually sought to destroy Israel from the time of its
- 39 inception as a state; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and Israel have enjoyed
- 41 cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship
- 42 that continues to strengthen with each passing year; and

43	WHEREAS,	it	is	the	intent	of	the	Mississippi	Senate	to

- 44 promote and maintain beneficial relationships with our allies such
- 45 as Israel:
- 46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
- 48 we do hereby commend Israel for its cordial and mutually
- 49 beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State
- 50 of Mississippi and support Israel in its legal, historical, moral,
- 51 and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the
- 52 entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an
- 53 attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that
- 54 peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united
- 55 Israel.
- 56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made

57 available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.