SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 36

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ASBURY (Sponsor), COOKSON, LARGENT, BAHR, SCHUPP, HARRIS, CARLSON, RIDDLE, DAY, SMITH (150), LAMPE, ELLINGER, ROWLAND, HOUGHTON, CAUTHORN, McCAHERTY, BERRY, ENTLICHER, REDMON, KLIPPENSTEIN, JOHNSON AND NEWMAN (Co-sponsors).

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	WHEREAS, the states of Missouri and Israel share a deep and abiding friendship; and
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3 4	WHEREAS , Missouri's own President Harry S Truman announced on May 14, 1948, that the United States would become the first country to recognize the new Nation of Israel; and
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6 7	WHEREAS , from its very founding, democracy has been the cornerstone of the State of Israel; and
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9 10	WHEREAS , since its establishment, Israel has fulfilled the dreams of its founders who evidence a vigorous, open, and stable democracy; and
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12 13	WHEREAS , Israel is deeply committed to maintaining its vigorous democratic society; and
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15 16	WHEREAS , the State of Israel and the United States share democratic values and ideals, and fundamental strategic interests in promoting regional freedom and stability; and
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18 19	WHEREAS, the ongoing commitment of Israel to the democratic ideals of freedom and pluralism has been unswerving, and is a commitment that Israel shares with the United States:
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21 22 23	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby:

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25	(1) Express their respect and admiration for the people of Israel;
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27 28	(2) Commend the people of Israel for their dedication to democratic ideals - a dedication made manifest through 64 years since the establishment of the state;
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30 31	(3) Affirm the shared values and commitment to freedom and democracy which bind the United States-Israel relationship;
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33 34	(4) Reaffirm the importance of projects of mutual economic benefit, which include improved trade, technology development, science, agriculture; and tourism; and
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36 37 38 39	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, and the Missouri Department of Economic Development.