

2020 Support for Israel Resolution

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump kept his promise by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and opening the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem on December 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Greg Abbott, on May 2, 2017, signed into law House Bill 89, known as the Anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestments, and Sanctions) bill, which prohibits all state agencies from contracting with, and certain public funds from investing in, companies that boycott Israel; and

WHEREAS, Israel is a significant and important trade partner of Texas. In 2018, Texas ranked fourth among other states in exports to Israel, with \$953 million of exports. In 2018, Texas imported more than \$1.5 billion goods from Israel, making the state number three among other states; and

WHEREAS, President Trump issued an Executive Order on December 11, 2019, to further the fight against the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States, and

WHEREAS, President Trump's order makes it clear that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 applies to anti-Semitic discrimination based on race, color, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Abbott announces the new Anti-Antisemitism Commission on Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we give unreserved support for President Trump's executive order protecting Jewish students and urging all education officials across our nation to provide adequate protection as prescribed in the executive order against all forms of discrimination in the future so that every student may enjoy religious freedom in order to help keep America great; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we give unreserved support for House Bill 89, the Anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestments, and Sanctions) bill; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the _____ County or Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the _____ Party of Texas.