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House Resolution No. 6030

By Representatives Rhiley, Pickert, Blex, Bloom, Brunk, Bryce, Chauncey, Johnson, Proctor, Reavis, Tarwater, Wasinger and K. Williams

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A RESOLUTION supporting the State of Israel, affirming the historical, biblical and legal significance of Judea and Samaria, rejecting the use of historically inaccurate terminology and expressing solidarity with Israel's right to security and sovereignty.

WHEREAS, The State of Israel is a democratic ally of the United States and shares with Kansas and the nation a commitment to freedom, the rule of law and Judeo-Christian moral values; and

WHEREAS, The regions historically known as Judea and Samaria constitute the ancestral heartland of the Jewish people and form the historical, spiritual and geographical core of the land of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Judea and Samaria are repeatedly and explicitly referenced in the Hebrew Bible as the setting for foundational events in Jewish history, including Abraham's arrival at Shechem, the purchase of the Cave of Machpelah in Hebron, Jacob's covenantal experiences at Bethel, the burial of Joseph at Shechem, the establishment of the Tabernacle at Shiloh and the reign of King David from Hebron; and

WHEREAS, Jerusalem, located historically at the border of Judea and Samaria, has served as the eternal capital of the Jewish people since the time of King David; and

WHEREAS, The modern return of the Jewish people to Judea and Samaria represents the fulfillment of ancient biblical prophecies and the reestablishment of a continuous Jewish presence in the land; and

WHEREAS, The names "Judea" and "Samaria" are the historically, biblically and legally accurate designations for these territories, whereas the term "West Bank" originated during Jordan's unlawful occupation of the area from 1948 through 1967 and was intended to obscure the Jewish historical connection to the land; and

WHEREAS, Jordan's occupation of Judea and Samaria followed Israel's War of Independence and was never recognized as lawful by the international community; and

WHEREAS, During the Six-Day War in June 1967, Israel regained control of Judea and Samaria, restoring Jewish access to holy sites that had been denied and desecrated during Jordanian rule; and

WHEREAS, Judea and Samaria are of critical strategic importance to

Israel's national defense, as Israel would be reduced to a width of approximately nine miles at its narrowest point without control of the highlands of these territories; and

WHEREAS, The highlands of Judea and Samaria overlook Israel's coastal plain, where a substantial majority of Israel's population, infrastructure and economic activity are concentrated, including major cities and Ben-Gurion International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Hostile control of Judea and Samaria would place Israel's civilian population and transportation corridors at severe and unacceptable risk; and

WHEREAS, International legal instruments, including the San Remo Resolution of 1920 and the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine of 1922, recognized the right of the Jewish people to reconstitute their national home in their ancestral land, including Judea and Samaria, and those rights have not been lawfully revoked; and

WHEREAS, The security and sovereignty of Israel in Judea and Samaria advance the strategic interests of the United States by preventing the emergence of a terrorist-controlled territory, countering hostile foreign influence in the Middle East and promoting long-term stability in the region; and

WHEREAS, Support for Israel's sovereignty in Judea and Samaria affirms moral clarity, historical truth and the Judeo-Christian foundations that undergird American constitutional democracy: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the Kansas House of Representatives expresses its strong support for the State of Israel and its right to defend itself and its citizens, affirms the historical, biblical and legal significance of Judea and Samaria as integral parts of the land of Israel, rejects terminology that erases or distorts the Jewish historical connection to Judea and Samaria and stands in solidarity with Israel's efforts to maintain security, stability and sovereignty in the face of persistent regional threats; and

Be it further resolved: That state agencies shall not use the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria in official government materials; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Gideon Israel, Jason Rapert and Representatives Pickert and Rhiley.