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**By** Representatives Klippert, Shea, Hargrove, Taylor, Kristiansen, Rodne, Condotta, Buys, Haler, Vick, Angel, Schmick, Chandler, MacEwen, Manweller, Hayes, Holy, Crouse, Scott, Short, Parker, Nealey, and Warnick

1 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
5 JOHN KERRY:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, The United States of America and the State of Israel are  
10 both nations founded by peoples seeking the cherished rights of  
11 religious freedom and self-determination; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States of America and the State of Israel both  
13 triumphed in wars of independence to establish enduring democratic  
14 governments; and

15 WHEREAS, Countless citizens of Washington state and this great  
16 nation stand whole-heartedly with the courageous citizens of Israel  
17 during these perilous times; and

18 WHEREAS, The nation of Israel has the right to exist as a sovereign  
19 state with secure and defensible borders; and

1           WHEREAS, The people of Israel have the right to pursue their lives  
2 in peace without the constant fear of shelling or bomb attacks; and

3           WHEREAS, The citizens of Israel have the right to govern themselves  
4 as a free society without interference from other countries or  
5 institutions; and

6           WHEREAS, The United States and Israel share many common values and  
7 ideals; and

8           WHEREAS, Israel has proven its loyalty to the United States on many  
9 occasions and has remained a true and steadfast friend; and

10          WHEREAS, It is critical in these dangerous times that this country  
11 give its loyal support and aid so that the people of Israel can achieve  
12 and maintain the peace, safety, and security they desire and deserve;  
13 and

14          WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature supports the preservation  
15 of the nation of Israel;

16          NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
17 federal government stand firmly with Israel in its honorable attempts  
18 to defend itself against those who would wish to kill innocent Israeli  
19 civilians or eliminate Israel as a nation altogether.

20          BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
21 transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United  
22 States, the Secretary of State, John Kerry, the Governor of the State  
23 of Washington, Jay Inslee, the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin  
24 Netanyahu, the President of Israel, Shimon Peres, the Speaker of the  
25 Knesset, Reuven Rivlin, the President of the United States Senate, the  
26 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress  
27 from the State of Washington.

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