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TEXAS STANDS WITH ISRAEL SIGNED INTO LAW

HB 89 / SB 29: PRO-ISRAEL LEGISLATION

Austin – Senator Creighton made the following statement after Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 89 into law:

"Today is a great day for Texas," said Senator Creighton. "We sent a message to the state, country, and entire world -- Texas stands with Israel today, tomorrow, and every day."

The bill was signed on Israel's Independence Day, which is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar (the Hebrew date). The holiday commemorates the formal establishment of the State of Israel when members of the provisional government read and signed a Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv.

"Representative Phil King, Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and I worked on this important legislation to ensure our friend and trade partner has strong support from Texas," said Senator Creighton. "This is the strongest pro-Israel legislation in the country. Where Texas leads, other states will follow."

For more than half a century, the United States and Israel have been close allies and friends. The continued strength of the alliance is rooted in the shared values of the two nations. American presidents since Truman have consistently recognized the importance of economic and strategic relationship between the United States and Israel.

Senator Creighton is the Senate sponsor to House Bill 89 and author of Senate Bill 29 which prohibits state contracting with or investing in companies that boycott Israel. The law goes into effect September 1, 2017.

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Senator Brandon Creighton represents Senate District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris and Galveston Counties.