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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 59

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*Bosma, DeLaney, Fine, Klinker*

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April 15, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

April 22, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION expressing opposition to the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign (BDS).

*Whereas, The State of Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East;*

*Whereas, The State of Israel is the strongest ally and friend of the United States of America in the Middle East because this bond is based on shared values and interests;*

*Whereas, The 119th session of the Indiana General Assembly recognized that, The State of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East;*

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*Whereas, The global spread of anti-Jewish speech and violence represents an attack, not only on Jews, but on the fundamental principles of the United States;*

*Whereas, Verbal attacks against Jews and the delegitimization of Israel foster intimidation and promote violence, not only globally, but in Indiana;*

*Whereas, Attempts to delegitimize Israel's existence through an international campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions is increasingly promoted on college and university campuses;*

*Whereas, BDS campaigns violate the principle of academic freedom, and BDS promotes a climate of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel speech leading to intimidation and violence on campuses; and*

*Whereas, Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie and Purdue University President Mitch Daniels have strongly condemned the boycott of Israeli academic institutions: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives condemns  
2 the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement  
3 and its activities in Indiana, for seeking to undermine the Jewish  
4 people's right to self-determination, which they are currently fulfilling  
5 in the State of Israel.
- 6           SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives condemns  
7 activities that contribute directly or indirectly to the denial, violation,  
8 or delegitimization of any people's academic freedom, including but  
9 not limited to promotion of academic boycotts by the BDS Movement  
10 against Israel.
- 11          SECTION 3. That the Indiana House of Representatives considers  
12 the international BDS Movement and its agenda inherently antithetical  
13 and deeply damaging to the cause of peace, justice, equality,  
14 democracy, and human rights for all peoples in the Middle East.
- 15          SECTION 4. That the Indiana House of Representatives reaffirms  
16 its support for the nation of Israel, recognizes that the Jewish people are



1 indigenou to the land of Israel, condemns all attacks on the people of  
2 Israel, supports Israel's right to engage in lawful acts of self-defense,  
3 and opposes all attempts to deny the legitimacy of Israel as a sovereign  
4 state.

5 SECTION 5. That the Indiana House of Representatives denounces  
6 the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement for promoting a  
7 climate of hatred, intimidation, intolerance and violence against Jews.

8 SECTION 6. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
9 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of  
10 the United States, the United States Congress, and the Israeli Embassy  
11 in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the  
12 State of Israel.

