

SENATE RESOLUTION
8602

By Senators Zarelli, Delvin, Kline, Parlette, Roach, and Carrell

WHEREAS, The United States of America and the State of Israel are nations founded by people seeking religious freedom, which triumphed in wars of independence to establish enduring democratic governments; and

WHEREAS, The first national elections in Israel took place on January 25, 1949, eight months after Israel proclaimed its independence; and

WHEREAS, These elections resulted in the creation of the Israeli parliament, called the Knesset, which then began its first session; and

WHEREAS, In the ensuing 60 years the United States and Israel have remained strong allies because of their shared interest in democracy and basic human rights, and more recently, from standing together at the forefront of a new kind of war, the war against terror; and

WHEREAS, Israel represents the strongest democracy in the Middle East, and as such is deserving of continued and unwavering support from the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the 60th anniversary of the elections which created Israel's national legislative body and the 60 years of strong ties that have existed between the United States and Israel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Prime Minister and President of Israel, the Speaker of the Knesset, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and President Barack Obama.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8602,
adopted by the Senate
January 21, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate