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Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Reaffirming support for the State of Israel and condemning the
2 Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.

3 WHEREAS, Antisemitism continues to rear its ugly head in the
4 western world; and

5 WHEREAS, Antisemitism manifested itself locally in the tragic
6 and horrifying terrorist attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in
7 the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh on October 27,
8 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, Antisemitism is growing within the United States;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The New York Times reported that in 2018 half of all
12 hate crimes within New York City were against the city's Jewish
13 population; and

14 WHEREAS, The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement
15 has falsely labeled the State of Israel an "apartheid state";
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Act 163 of 2016, which amends the Commonwealth

1 Procurement Code, prohibits the Commonwealth from contracting
2 with any company or organization that engages in an economic
3 boycott against Israel, making Pennsylvania the 14th state to
4 pass anti-BDS movement legislation; and

5 WHEREAS, Act 163 asserts that "Israel is America's
6 dependable, democratic ally in the Middle East, an area of
7 paramount strategic importance to the United States" and that
8 "it is in the interest of the United States and the Commonwealth
9 to stand with Israel and other countries by promoting trade and
10 commercial activities and to discourage policies that disregard
11 that interest"; and

12 WHEREAS, The BDS movement would destabilize and threaten a
13 United States ally where more than 40% of the world's Jewish
14 population lives; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reaffirm support for the State of
17 Israel and condemn the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions
18 movement; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn
20 antisemitism in all of its ugly forms on both the right and the
21 left; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives find the Boycott,
23 Divestment and Sanctions movement to be an antisemitic political
24 movement; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge each state
26 in the United States to adopt legislation modeled after Act 163;
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join with the
29 Wolf administration and urge each state and the Federal
30 Government to develop policies and procedures to safeguard

1 institutions in order to prevent and address the growing number
2 of attacks on members of the Jewish community.