



2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

February 1, 2016 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, HARRIS DODD, HANSEN, KAPENGA, C. LARSON, LASEE and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives RIEMER, KOOYENGA, BERCEAU, CZAJA, DUCHOW, JACQUE, JOHNSON, KNODL, MACCO, A. OTT, QUINN, ROHRKASTE, SUBECK, TAUCHEN, TITTL, VORPAGEL, ZEPNICK and BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

2 Whereas, the State of Israel and the United States are allies sharing a common
3 bond rooted in the values of freedom, democracy, and equal rights; and

4 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin and Israel have a long history of friendship
5 based on economic, cultural, intellectual, and political cooperation and exchange;
6 and

7 Whereas, the elected representatives of Wisconsin recognize and support
8 Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state; and

9 Whereas, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement is one of the main
10 vehicles advocating for policies leading to the dissolution of Israel as a Jewish and
11 democratic state and has sought to take over social, political, religious, academic,
12 cultural, and economic platforms to isolate Israel within the international
13 community; and

14 Whereas, calls for academic boycotts against Israeli academic institutions have
15 been condemned by many of our nation's largest academic associations, over 250

1 university presidents, and many other leading scholars as a violation of the bedrock
2 principle of academic freedom; and

3 Whereas, Wisconsin's elected representatives who defend the inalienable right
4 to free speech recognize that punitive economic measures targeting Israel do not
5 contribute to the creation of an atmosphere of economic cooperation and political
6 reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians which is the necessary foundation
7 for a lasting peace in the Middle East; and

8 Whereas, Wisconsin's elected representatives affirm that both Israelis and
9 Palestinians have the right to live in their own safe and secure states, free from fear
10 and violence and economic coercion, with mutual recognition, trade, and
11 normalization; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
13 legislature condemns the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions
14 movement and its activities in Wisconsin for seeking to undermine efforts to achieve
15 a negotiated two-state solution and the right of Israelis and Palestinians to
16 self-determination; and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin legislature considers the international Boycott,
18 Divestment, and Sanctions movement and its agenda inherently antithetical and
19 deeply damaging to the causes of peace, justice, equality, democracy, and human
20 rights for all peoples in the Middle East; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin legislature reaffirms its support for the State
22 of Israel and opposes all attempts to economically and politically isolate Israel within
23 the international arena, including, but not limited to, promotion of economic,

1 cultural, and academic boycotts. This body opposes all efforts to assault the
2 legitimacy of Israel as the sovereign homeland of the Jewish people.

3 (END)