

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1063

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution calling for the disposition of
9 certain public funds.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma passed into law Enrolled
12 House Bill No. 3967 in 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, HB 3967 passed the House by a vote of 75-20, and
14 36-7 in the Senate; and

15 WHEREAS, with the signature of Governor Stitt, Oklahoma
16 became the 30th state to pass bipartisan laws against the
17 bigoted movement to boycott Israel; and

18 WHEREAS, HB 3967 declared that Israel is a prominent trading
19 partner of the State of Oklahoma and that the state and those
20 companies that do business by and through the state, in the
21 interest of the state's economic policy, should not boycott
22 trade with Israel; and

23 WHEREAS, companies that refuse to deal with United States
24 trade partners such as Israel make discriminatory decisions on

1 the basis of national origin that impair those companies'
2 commercial soundness; and

3 WHEREAS, Israel is known for its dynamic and innovative
4 approach in many business sectors, and a company's decision to
5 discriminate against persons or entities doing business in
6 Israel or in territories controlled by Israel is an unsound
7 business practice making the company an unduly risky contracting
8 partner; and

9 WHEREAS, it is also the public policy of the United States,
10 as enshrined in several federal acts, including 50 U.S.C.,
11 Section 4607, to oppose such boycotts, and Congress has
12 concluded as a matter of national trade policy that cooperation
13 with Israel materially benefits United States companies and
14 improves American competitiveness; and

15 WHEREAS, under HB 3967, the state shall not enter into a
16 contract with a company unless the company submits a written
17 certification that the company is not currently engaged in a
18 boycott of goods or services from Israel that constitutes an
19 integral part of business conducted or sought to be conducted
20 with the state; and

21 WHEREAS, on July 19, 2021, following the passage of HB 3967,
22 Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream declared that it would no longer offer
23 its products in Israel in protest of what it considered
24 "Occupied Palestinian Territories"; and

1 WHEREAS, Ben & Jerry's is a wholly-owned subsidiary of
2 Unilever; and

3 WHEREAS, Unilever has failed to disclose its violation of HB
4 3967 and numerous other matters related to its ownership of Ben
5 & Jerry's Ice Cream and the consequences to Unilever
6 shareholders of its decision to no longer offer its products in
7 the "Occupied Palestinian Territories".

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA
10 LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT it is inconsistent with HB 3967 for Oklahoma to invest
12 its funds, retirement or otherwise, in any company like Unilever
13 that chooses not to conduct business with Israel, and
14 consequently the State Treasurer and Comptroller shall divest
15 the state and its retirement funds of all Unilever securities in
16 a manner in their discretion.

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