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RESOLUTION #4420

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN ISRAEL

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ENDORSED BY:	ASCSU Senate Committee on Internal Affairs

WHEREAS

Academic freedom and collaboration are crucial to the pursuit of knowledge that is embodied by Colorado State University; and,

WHEREAS

Throughout history, the Middle East has been a leading region of progress in the prominent fields of science, technology, business, etc. and,

WHEREAS

The Middle East is an area of great importance relative to diplomacy, global foreign policy, interest by investment of monetary and human capital, and other resources; and,

WHEREAS

Israel is a global leader in science and technology research, and is home to a world-renowned business environment with the most startups per capita in the world¹; and,

WHEREAS

Israel is a global leader in agricultural development and sustainability practices, scoring higher than the US in an annual report conducted by the Cleantech Group and World Wildlife Foundation²; and,

WHEREAS

¹ <http://www.forbes.com/sites/ilyapozin/2014/09/26/the-ten-startup-nation-movers-shakers-you-need-to-know/>

² <http://www.ipost.com/Business/Business-Features/Israel-crowned-worlds-top-innovator-in-cleantech-field-361329>

Israel is at the forefront of the modern debate about Foreign Relations and International Diplomacy as well as being a country with both a unique history and political landscape; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University currently offers very limited options for study abroad opportunities in the Middle East; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University is an institution that is dedicated to the pursuit of the highest quality of edification for its students,

WHEREAS

The Department of History has begun establishing connections with academic institutions in Israel, such as the Land of Israel in Antiquity class, for undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Tel Aviv University are all ranked in the Top 200 Universities in the World and are ranked 138th, 190th, and 195th respectively. Colorado State University is not in the top 200.³; and,

WHEREAS

According to the 2014 Shanghai Ranking the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology is the 78th best university in the world, has the 49th best program for Science and the 43rd best program for Engineering in the world and the 18th best Computer Science program in the world.⁴; and,

WHEREAS

Many US universities including Harvard University and Florida State University offers a summer programs in Israel.⁵; and,

WHEREAS

The Israeli and US governments offer study abroad programs and exchanges between US and Israeli universities.⁶; and,

WHEREAS

Students benefit from the experience of traveling to foreign lands and experiencing different cultures, governments, and religions and applying those experiences in their daily lives, making them better scholars and citizens; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

³ <http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/ng-interactive/2014/sep/16/-sp-qs-world-university-rankings-2014>

⁴ <http://www.shanghairanking.com/World-University-Rankings/Technion-Israel-Institute-of-Technology.html>

⁵ <http://www.summer.harvard.edu/programs/study-abroad/ashkelon-israel>,
<http://www.international.fsu.edu/types/College/Israel/Default.aspx>

⁶ <http://www.israelemb.org/washington/AboutTheEmbassy/Pages/Study-Abroad-and-Student-Exchange-Programs.aspx>

The Associated Students of Colorado State University, formally support for expanding study abroad opportunities in Israel for students across all focus areas, graduate and undergraduate; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to the Colorado State University System Board of Governors and the Colorado State University Office of International Programs.

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PRESIDENT SAMANTHA GUINN

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