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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On November 29, 1947, the United Nations General  
3 Assembly voted to partition British Mandatory Palestine into a  
4 Jewish state and an Arab state, a decision welcomed by Jewish  
5 leadership and rejected by the Arab world; and

6           WHEREAS, On May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed  
7 the establishment of the sovereign and independent state of  
8 Israel, and the United States government established full  
9 diplomatic relations after Israel's first election in 1949; and

10           WHEREAS, The desire of the Jewish people to establish an  
11 independent modern state of Israel is directly linked to the  
12 existence of the historic kingdom of Israel established in the  
13 land of Israel 3,000 years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as  
14 its capital both then and now; and

15           WHEREAS, For over 2,000 years, Jews living in other parts  
16 of the world maintained a profound spiritual and emotional  
17 connection to the Land of Israel, where there has been a  
18 continuous Jewish presence in the land comprising the modern  
19 state of Israel; and

20           WHEREAS, The establishment of the modern state of Israel as  
21 a homeland for the Jewish people followed the destruction of

1 much of European Jewry during the Holocaust; and

2 WHEREAS, Since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern  
3 State of Israel has rebuilt the nation, forged a new and  
4 dynamic society, and created a thriving economic, political,  
5 cultural, and intellectual life despite the heavy burdens of  
6 war, terrorism, and unjustified diplomatic and economic  
7 boycotts against the people of Israel; and

8 WHEREAS, The people of Israel, in the spirit of Israel's  
9 Declaration of Independence, have established a vibrant,  
10 pluralistic, democratic political system, which includes  
11 freedom of speech, freedom of association, and freedom of  
12 religion, a vigorously free press, free, fair and open  
13 elections, the rule of law, a fully independent judiciary, and  
14 other democratic principles and practices; and

15 WHEREAS, Israel has developed some of the world's leading  
16 universities; and

17 WHEREAS, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial  
18 economy, is among the world's leaders of the high-tech  
19 industry, and is at the forefront of research and development  
20 in the fields of renewable energy sources and medicine; and

21 WHEREAS, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search

1 and rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency  
2 supplies, to help victims of disasters around the world;  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 recognize the 70th anniversary of Israel's establishment and  
7 reaffirm the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the  
8 United States, the State of Illinois, and Israel.