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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In May of 1948, with recognition by the United  
3 Nations of the need for a Jewish homeland, the State of Israel  
4 was established as a sovereign and independent nation; and

5 WHEREAS, The new State of Israel was established in the  
6 ancient homeland of the Jewish people, the culmination of  
7 decades of efforts by the modern Zionist movement to resettle  
8 and reinvigorate the land; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States was one of the first nations to  
10 recognize Israel, only 11 minutes after its creation; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of Israel provided a refuge to Jews who  
12 survived the horrors of the Holocaust and the evil acts  
13 committed by the Nazis; and

14 WHEREAS, Israel has provided the opportunity for Jews from  
15 all over the world, including immigrants from Ethiopia, the  
16 former Soviet Union, and from the Arab lands to make new lives  
17 in their ancient homeland; and

18 WHEREAS, Israel, home to religious sites sacred to Judaism,  
19 Christianity, and Islam, is committed to the protection of  
20 these sites and to freedom of worship; and

1           WHEREAS, The people of Israel have established a  
2 pluralistic democracy which protects the freedoms cherished by  
3 the people of the State of Illinois, including freedom of  
4 speech, freedom of religion, freedom of association, freedom of  
5 the press, an independent judiciary, and government by the  
6 consent of its citizens; and

7           WHEREAS, Israel continues, in a region generally bereft of  
8 such practices, to serve as a shining model of democratic  
9 values maintaining gender equality, freedom of sexual  
10 orientation, and equal rights for all citizens; and

11           WHEREAS, Israel has a thriving culture and has made  
12 significant global contributions in the fields of science,  
13 medicine, and technology; and

14           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the State of Israel have  
15 developed mutually beneficial economic, cultural, educational,  
16 trade, and scientific partnerships; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the anniversary of  
20 the establishment of the State of Israel as a significant event  
21 in providing refuge and a national homeland for the Jewish

1 people; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That we commend the bipartisan commitment of all  
3 United States presidential administrations and United States  
4 Congresses since the establishment of the State of Israel in  
5 1948 to stand by Israel and work for its security and  
6 well-being; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That we extend our warmest congratulations and  
8 best wishes to the people of Israel as they celebrate the 60th  
9 anniversary of their nation's independence.