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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the State of Florida and Israel.

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to partition the British Mandate for Palestine and create a Jewish state, and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel, and the United States Government established full diplomatic relations with Israel, and

WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern State of Israel is an outgrowth of the historic kingdom of Israel established in the land of Israel 3,000 years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as its capital, and

WHEREAS, for more than 2,000 years, there has been a continuous Jewish presence and residence in the lands comprising the modern State of Israel, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people followed World War II and the slaughter of more than 6 million European Jews during the Holocaust, and

WHEREAS, since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern State of Israel has rebuilt a nation, forged a new and dynamic democratic society, and created a thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life despite the heavy costs of war, terrorism, and unjustified diplomatic and economic boycotts

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30 against the people of Israel, and

31 WHEREAS, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial
32 economy, is among the world's leaders in the high-tech industry,
33 and is at the forefront of research and development in the field
34 of renewable energy sources, and

35 WHEREAS, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search-
36 and-rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies
37 to help victims of disasters around the world and has absorbed
38 millions of Jews from other countries and fully integrated these
39 immigrants into Israeli society, and

40 WHEREAS, for 7 decades, the United States and Israel have
41 maintained a special relationship based on shared democratic
42 values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of
43 friendship and mutual respect, NOW, THEREFORE,

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45 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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47 That members of the Senate recognize the 70th anniversary
48 of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirm the
49 bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the State of
50 Florida and Israel.