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## 1 House Resolution

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an  
15 independent modern State of Israel is an outgrowth of the  
16 historic kingdom of Israel established in the land of Israel  
17 3,000 years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as its capital, and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern

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26 | State of Israel has rebuilt a nation, forged a new and dynamic  
27 | democratic society, and created a thriving economic, political,  
28 | cultural, and intellectual life for its people despite the heavy  
29 | costs of war, terrorism, and unjustified diplomatic and economic  
30 | boycotts 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 seven decades, the United States and Israel  
41 | have maintained a special relationship based on shared  
42 | democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds  
43 | of friendship and mutual respect, NOW, THEREFORE,

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45 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
46 | Florida:

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48 |       That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the  
49 | 70th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel  
50 | and reaffirms the bonds of close friendship and cooperation

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51 | between the State of Florida and Israel.