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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the
3 founding of the State of Israel and reaffirming the
4 bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the
5 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, independent, and Jewish
12 State of Israel, and the United States was the first country to
13 recognize Israel as an independent state when President Harry
14 Truman issued a statement of recognition on that same date, and

15 WHEREAS, diplomatic relations between Israel and the United
16 States were established when United States Ambassador to Israel
17 James Grover McDonald presented his credentials on March 28,
18 1949, and

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

23 WHEREAS, for more than 3,000 years, there has been a
24 continuous Jewish presence and residence in the lands comprising
25 the State of Israel, and

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

30 WHEREAS, since its establishment 75 years ago, the State of
31 Israel has rebuilt a diverse nation, forged a new and dynamic
32 democratic society, and created a thriving economic, political,
33 cultural, and intellectual life despite the heavy costs of war,
34 terrorism, and unjustified diplomatic and economic boycotts
35 against the people of Israel, and

36 WHEREAS, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial
37 economy, is among the world's leaders in the high-tech industry,
38 and is at the forefront of research and development in the
39 fields of renewable energy sources, agriculture, and water, and

40 WHEREAS, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search-
41 and-rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies
42 to help victims of numerous natural disasters around the world
43 and has absorbed millions of Jews from other countries and fully
44 integrated these immigrants into Israeli society, and

45 WHEREAS, in the wake of the collapse of the 12-story
46 Champlain Towers South condominium on June 24, 2021, in the
47 Miami suburb of Surfside, Israel dispatched the Israeli Defense
48 Force's National Search and Rescue Team to assist in rescue
49 efforts and sent psychologists, therapists, an expert in
50 disaster management, and a member of the Psychotrauma and Crisis

51 Response Unit's K-9 therapy unit to help the community recover,
 52 and

53 WHEREAS, Florida has long had a large and vibrant Jewish
 54 community, and

55 WHEREAS, Florida is committed to fighting anti-Semitism,
 56 promoting Holocaust education, supporting Holocaust survivors,
 57 and honoring Israeli culture and tradition, and

58 WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis traveled to Israel in May
 59 2019 on a business development mission during which more than 20
 60 strategic partnerships and memorandums of understanding were
 61 established, including agreements between leading universities
 62 in Florida and Israel and an extension of the Florida-Israel
 63 Innovation Partnership in which Space Florida entered into an
 64 innovative bilateral partnership with the Israel Innovation
 65 Authority to support joint aerospace research and development
 66 projects, and

67 WHEREAS, for seven decades, the United States and Israel
 68 have maintained a special relationship based on shared
 69 democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds
 70 of friendship and mutual respect, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 72 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 73 Florida:

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 75 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the

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