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Senate Resolution No. ___

A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Independent State of Israel.

WHEREAS, the State of Israel was declared an independent state in 1948, and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel is the independent homeland of the Jewish people, and has been host to a pluralistic society and, for 50 years, has worked to obtain peace in the region with all its neighbors, and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have a special friendship and relationship with Israel, characterized by their common commitments to freedom and democracy, and the people of Florida also share with Israel an emphasis on agriculture and high-tech industry as elements of their economies, and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel has grown into a modern democratic society that mirrors the will of its people and seeks to defend and protect the rights of all regardless of race, creed, or religion, and

WHEREAS, in the brief period of 50 years since its rebirth, Israel has created a remarkable record of achievement in agriculture, science, medicine, and technology and has generously shared the fruits of its brilliant successes in these fields with dozens of third-world countries, and

WHEREAS, the people and the government of Israel have welcomed, integrated, and absorbed hundreds of thousands of refugees from post-World War II Europe, Ethiopia, the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, and many other countries, while maintaining their economic and defense responsibilities and commitments with courage and strength, and

WHEREAS, the achievements of Israel constitute a tribute to the ideals of democracy and freedom, and the people of Florida enjoy a close relationship and affinity with the people of the State of Israel, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the people and the nation of Israel are hereby congratulated on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the independent State of Israel, and that the Florida Senate does hereby call upon all people in the State of Florida to participate in the various celebrations of this event, recalling the ancient expression of good wishes from the Bible that Israel may continue to grow from strength to strength in the years ahead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be sent to Ambassador Dan Haezrachy, acting Consul General for Israel in Florida, to the Chairman of the Florida-Israel Institute, and to the Presidents of the Jewish Federations in Florida.

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