

By Representative Bloom

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary  
3 of the State of Israel.

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5 WHEREAS, 1998 marks the 50th anniversary of the  
6 founding of the modern Jewish State of Israel, which is a  
7 momentous occasion in the history of the State of Israel, the  
8 United States, and Jewish people all over the world, and

9 WHEREAS, Israel was officially declared an independent  
10 nation on May 14, 1948, corresponding to the fifth day of the  
11 month of Iyar of the year 5708, and

12 WHEREAS, in the course of 50 years of modern statehood,  
13 Israel's citizens have built numerous cities and villages, and  
14 Israel has become home to over 2 million immigrants, and

15 WHEREAS, the land of Israel is the birthplace of the  
16 Jewish people, who never gave up hope of returning and  
17 restoring their national freedom during almost two thousand  
18 years of exile, and

19 WHEREAS, the people of the United States and the State  
20 of Florida are sympathetic with the aspirations for freedom  
21 and hopes for peace for the people of Israel, and

22 WHEREAS, Israel's 50th anniversary will be celebrated  
23 on April 30, 1998, by Jewish communities worldwide, with  
24 special events in Florida, including the Greater Miami Jewish  
25 community, and

26 WHEREAS, the observance of this historic milestone  
27 commemorates the triumph of Israel and its people and marks  
28 the birth and development of the state and its valiant  
29 struggle to achieve peace and security, NOW, THEREFORE,

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1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Florida:

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4           That the House of Representatives congratulates the  
5 State of Israel on the occasion of its 50th anniversary,  
6 expresses admiration for its many accomplishments, and extends  
7 best wishes for a peaceful future.

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