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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the  
3 independence of the State of Israel.

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5 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the State of Israel was  
6 established as a sovereign and independent country, and

7 WHEREAS, Israel has provided Jews from all over the world  
8 with an opportunity to reestablish their ancient homeland and  
9 has become home to many religious sites that are sacred to  
10 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and

11 WHEREAS, the people of Israel have established a  
12 pluralistic democracy that incorporates the freedoms cherished  
13 by the people of the United States, including the freedom of  
14 speech, the freedom of religion, the freedom of association, and  
15 the freedom of the press, and

16 WHEREAS, Israel continues to serve as a shining model of  
17 democratic values by holding free and fair elections, promoting  
18 the free exchange of ideas, and maintaining a democratic  
19 government that is fully representative of its citizens, and

20 WHEREAS, the government of Israel has successfully worked  
21 with the neighboring governments of Egypt and Jordan to  
22 establish peaceful bilateral relations and, despite conflicts  
23 with other neighboring countries, continues to seek peace in the  
24 Middle East, and

25 WHEREAS, Israel has made significant global contributions  
26 in the fields of science, medicine, and technology, and

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27           WHEREAS, the United States and Israel enjoy a strategic  
28 partnership based on shared democratic values, friendship, and  
29 respect, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
32 Florida:

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34           That the House of Representatives recognizes the numerous  
35 achievements of the people and the State of Israel and extends  
36 its best wishes to the people of Israel as they celebrate the  
37 60th anniversary of the independence of their country.