

By Senator Sobel

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 65th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the State of Israel was established as a sovereign and independent country and the first Jewish state in 2,000 years, and

WHEREAS, based on the precepts of liberty, justice, and peace, Israel has provided the Jewish people worldwide with an opportunity to reestablish their ancient homeland while providing a home to religious sites that are sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Israel maintains a strategic partnership with the

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30 United States based on shared democratic values, friendship, and
31 respect, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 That the State of Israel and its people are recognized for
36 their numerous achievements and extended best wishes as they
37 celebrate the 65th anniversary of the independence of their
38 country.