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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 65th 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 the first  
7 Jewish state in 2,000 years, and

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

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

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

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

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

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29           WHEREAS, Israel maintains a strategic partnership with the  
30 United States based on shared democratic values, friendship, and  
31 respect, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
34 Florida:

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