

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the State of Florida and Israel.

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to partition the British Mandate for Palestine and create a Jewish state, and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel, and the United States Government established full diplomatic relations with Israel, and

WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern State of Israel is an outgrowth of the historic kingdom of Israel established in the land of Israel 3,000 years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as its capital, and

WHEREAS, for more than 2,000 years, there has been a continuous Jewish presence and residence in the lands comprising the modern State of Israel, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people followed World War II and the slaughter of more than 6 million European Jews during the Holocaust, and

WHEREAS, since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern State of Israel has rebuilt a nation, forged a new and dynamic democratic society, and created a thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life despite the heavy costs of war, terrorism, and unjustified diplomatic and economic boycotts

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30 against the people of Israel, and

31 WHEREAS, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial  
32 economy, is among the world's leaders in the high-tech industry,  
33 and is at the forefront of research and development in the field  
34 of renewable energy sources, and

35 WHEREAS, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search-  
36 and-rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies  
37 to help victims of disasters around the world and has absorbed  
38 millions of Jews from other countries and fully integrated these  
39 immigrants into Israeli society, and

40 WHEREAS, for 7 decades, the United States and Israel have  
41 maintained a special relationship based on shared democratic  
42 values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of  
43 friendship and mutual respect, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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47 That the members of the Senate recognize the independence  
48 of the State of Israel as a significant event in providing  
49 refuge and a national homeland for the Jewish people and in  
50 establishing a democracy in the Middle East; commend the  
51 bipartisan commitment of successive United States  
52 administrations and United States Congresses since 1948 to stand  
53 by Israel and work for its security and well-being; assert their  
54 commitment to continue to stand with Israel during times of  
55 uncertainty; express support for Israel's right to exist as a  
56 democratic, Jewish State, to defend itself, and to protect the  
57 lives and safety of the Israeli people; congratulate the United  
58 States and Israel for the strengthening of bilateral relations

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59 during the past decade in the fields of defense, diplomacy, and  
60 homeland security and encourage both nations to continue their  
61 cooperation in resolving future mutual challenges; reaffirm  
62 their unequivocal, enduring, and bipartisan support for the  
63 alliance and friendship between the United States and Israel;  
64 and extend warm congratulations and best wishes to the people of  
65 Israel as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of  
66 the modern State of Israel.