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RAFFERTY, MAY 6, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming May 7, 2003, as "Israel Independence Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, After World War II thousands of Jewish refugees who
4 survived Hitler's genocide of six million Jews emigrated to
5 British-held Palestine, their ancestral home, where thousands of
6 other Jews lived for more than 2,000 years; and

7 WHEREAS, The British withdrew from Palestine on May 14, 1948;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948,
10 as a Western-style democracy; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of Israel began its existence by extending
12 a hand of peace to all neighboring states, calling for good
13 neighborliness and mutual cooperation with the independent
14 Jewish nation; and

15 WHEREAS, We condemn the cruel and inhuman acts of terrorism
16 and call for the implementation of effective measures to combat
17 those who support terrorism in the Middle East and the United

1 States; and

2 WHEREAS, Israel's cultural vitality, military strength and
3 political, economic and social ties to the United States are a
4 continuing source of pride to the 360,000 Jews in this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, We recognize that peace is nurtured by a strong
7 economy and we encourage business persons in this Commonwealth
8 to contribute to the maintenance of peace by exploring and
9 investing in the expanded opportunities for trade with Israel
10 and her neighbors; and

11 WHEREAS, This year marks the 55th anniversary of the
12 establishment of the State of Israel; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate proclaim May 7, 2003, as "Israel
14 Independence Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That there is a special kinship between the
16 governments and peoples of Israel and the United States and
17 therefore we call upon the President, his administration and the
18 Congress of the United States to continue their support and
19 involvement in the peace process.