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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 69th anniversary of the birth of the State of
2 Israel.

3 WHEREAS, The land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish
4 people and, despite Jewish exile, the land has remained the
5 place where their religious, spiritual and national identity
6 were formed; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1897, the First Zionist Congress proclaimed the
8 right of the Jewish people to national revival in their own
9 country, a right acknowledged in 1917 by the Balfour Declaration
10 and later reaffirmed by the League of Nations; and

11 WHEREAS, The atrocities of the Nazi Holocaust and the death
12 of millions of Jews in Europe reestablished and refocused the
13 need for an independent Jewish state; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations
15 adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of an
16 independent Jewish state in Palestine and directed inhabitants
17 of the country to take actions facilitating this resolution; and

1 WHEREAS, The members of the National Council representing the
2 Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world
3 met and issued a Declaration of Israel's Independence on May 14,
4 1948; and

5 WHEREAS, In a relatively brief time and despite difficult
6 challenges in the issues of peace and security, Israel has
7 emerged from a fledgling state to one with a successful
8 democracy, a strong economy and a powerful military; therefore
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 69th anniversary of
11 the birth of the State of Israel.