

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 68th 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 United Nations General Assembly adopted
15 a resolution calling for the establishment of an independent
16 Jewish state; and

17 WHEREAS, The Declaration of the Establishment of the State of

1 Israel was issued May 14, 1948; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
8 68th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel.