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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the birth of Israel.

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly adopted

1 a resolution calling for the establishment of an independent
2 Jewish state in Palestine and directed inhabitants of the
3 country to take actions facilitating this resolution; and

4 WHEREAS, The members of the National Council representing the
5 Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world
6 met and issued a Declaration of Israel's Independence on May 14,
7 1948; and

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

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
14 60th anniversary of the birth of Israel.