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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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  
14 a resolution calling for the establishment of an independent  
15 Jewish state in Palestine and directed inhabitants of the

1 country to take actions facilitating this resolution; and

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

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

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 60th anniversary of  
12 the birth of Israel.