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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the 65th 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 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 65th anniversary of
- 12 the birth of the State of Israel.