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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, A declaration of Israel's independence was issued on
- 18 May 14, 1948; and

- 1 WHEREAS, In a relatively brief time and despite difficult
- 2 challenges in the issues of peace and security, Israel has
- 3 emerged from a fledgling state to one with a successful
- 4 democracy, a strong economy and a powerful military; therefore
- 5 be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 68th anniversary of
- 7 the birth of the State of Israel.