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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 30, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the birth of the State of  
2 Israel on May 14, 2018, or 29th of Iyar, 5778.

3 WHEREAS, The land of Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish  
4 people and, despite Jewish exile, the land remains the place  
5 where their religious, spiritual and national identity was  
6 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 General Assembly of the United Nations  
15 adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of an

1 independent Jewish state in Palestine and directed inhabitants  
2 of the country to take actions facilitating this resolution; and  
3 WHEREAS, The members of the National Council representing the  
4 Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world  
5 met and issued a Declaration of Israel's Independence on May 14,  
6 1948; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
13 70th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel.