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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, LEACH, DINNIMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 14, 2019, as "Israel Independence Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

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, The proclamation in 1897 by the First Zionist
8 Congress of the right of the Jewish people to national revival
9 in their own country was endorsed in 1917 by the Balfour
10 Declaration and reaffirmed in 1920 by the Mandate for Palestine
11 of the League of Nations; and

12 WHEREAS, The atrocities of Nazi persecution and the murder of
13 millions of Jews in Europe reestablished and refocused calls and
14 support for an independent Jewish state during and after World
15 War II; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Council representing the Jewish people
17 in Palestine and officials of the Zionist movement of the world

1 met and issued a Declaration of Israel's Independence on May 14,
2 1948; and

3 WHEREAS, On the same day, the President of the United States,
4 Harry S. Truman, recognized the provisional Jewish government as
5 de facto authority of the Jewish state; and

6 WHEREAS, This date is celebrated in Israel as Independence
7 Day, a national holiday with celebrations and observations to
8 commemorate this momentous occasion in establishing the State of
9 Israel; and

10 WHEREAS, In a relatively brief time, Israel has emerged as a
11 successful, strong democracy; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 14, 2019, as "Israel
13 Independence Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth recognize
15 the strong and continuing commitment of the Israeli people to
16 their homeland and independence.