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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THE MODERN STATE OF
9 ISRAEL ON THE OCCASION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH
10 ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, TO RECOGNIZE THE
11 CONTRIBUTIONS OF ISRAEL TO HUMANKIND, TO EXPRESS
12 SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL FOR THEIR RIGHT TO
13 LIVE IN FREEDOM AND TO DEFEND THEIR LAND AND THEIR
14 COUNTRY, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO THE STATE OF
15 ISRAEL AND TO THE ISRAELI PEOPLE FOR A PEACEFUL AND
16 PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

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19 **Subtitle**

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24 AND TO THE ISRAELI PEOPLE FOR A PEACEFUL
25 AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

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28 WHEREAS, what is now the modern State of Israel was historically
29 granted her lands under and through the oldest recorded deed, as found in the
30 Holy Bible, which is a tome of scripture revered by Jews and Christians alike
31 as presenting the acts and words of God; and

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33 WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent
34 modern State of Israel is directly linked to the existence of the historic
35 Kingdom of Israel established in the Land of Israel more than three thousand
36 years (3,000) ago, with the City of Jerusalem as its capital both then and



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3 WHEREAS, for more than two thousand (2,000) years, Jews living in other
4 parts of the world maintained a profound spiritual and emotional connection
5 to the Land of Israel, and there has been continuous Jewish presence in the
6 land comprising the modern State of Israel; and

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8 WHEREAS, the internationally recognized legal basis for the
9 establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding resolution under
10 international law that was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in
11 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress;
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14 WHEREAS, this binding resolution affirmed the establishment of a
15 national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of
16 Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem; and

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18 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the
19 establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel with the goal
20 of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized land as a homeland for
21 the Jewish people; and

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23 WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern State of Israel as a homeland
24 for the Jewish people followed the destruction of much of the European Jewry
25 during the Holocaust; and

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27 WHEREAS, the United States Government established full diplomatic
28 relations after the State of Israel's first election in 1949; and

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30 WHEREAS, since its establishment seventy-five (75) years ago, the
31 modern State of Israel has forged a new and dynamic society and created a
32 thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life; and

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34 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Israel, in the spirit of the State
35 of Israel's Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, have
36 established a vibrant, pluralistic, democratic political system; and

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2 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial
3 economy, is among the world's leaders of the high-tech industry, and is at
4 the forefront of research and development in the fields of renewable energy
5 sources and medicine; and

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7 WHEREAS, the State of Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search
8 and rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies to help
9 victims of disasters around the world; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has taken in millions of Jews from
12 countries throughout the world and sought to fully integrate them into
13 Israeli society; and

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15 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has long-established peaceful bilateral
16 relations with Egypt and Jordan, and has more recently established peace with
17 Bahrain, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, and Sudan, and has worked toward
18 achieving a secure, peaceful relationship with the Palestinian people, and is
19 looking forward to normalizing relations with all other Arab neighbors in
20 pursuit of enduring regional stability and prosperity; and

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22 WHEREAS, for seven (7) decades, the United States, the State of
23 Arkansas, and the State of Israel have maintained a special relationship
24 based on mutually shared democratic and moral values, common strategic
25 interests, and bonds of friendship and mutual respect; and

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27 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Arkansas continue to regard
28 the State of Israel as a trusted ally and vital strategic partner in the
29 Middle East; and

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31 WHEREAS, the American people and the people of Arkansas feel a strong
32 affinity for the Israeli people based on common values and shared cultural
33 heritage; and

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35 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas again wishes to reaffirm its desire that
36 the United States of America remains a strong and unequivocal supporter of

1 the State of Israel and the right of Israel to defend itself in its own
2 country; and

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4 WHEREAS, nightfall of the 25th day of April through the evening of the
5 26th day of April 2023, the fifth day of Iyar, 5783 of the Hebrew calendar,
6 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the modern State of
7 Israel in the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 THAT the House of Representatives congratulate the State of Israel on
14 the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment, recognize
15 the contributions of the State of Israel to humankind, express support for
16 the people of the State of Israel for their right to live in freedom and to
17 defend their land and their country, and extend its best wishes to the State
18 of Israel and to the Israeli people for a peaceful and prosperous future.

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to
21 the Consul General of the State of Israel to the Southwest in Houston, Texas,
22 and to the Embassy of Israel to the United States in Washington, D.C., for
23 transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel by the Chief
24 Clerk of the House.