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10 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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22 **Subtitle**

23 TO CONGRATULATE THE STATE OF ISRAEL ON  
24 THE OCCASION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH  
25 ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND TO  
26 EXTEND BEST WISHES TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL  
27 AND TO THE ISRAELI PEOPLE FOR A PEACEFUL  
28 AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

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

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35 WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent  
36 modern State of Israel is directly linked to the existence of the historic



1 Kingdom of Israel established in the Land of Israel more than three thousand  
2 years (3,000) ago, with the City of Jerusalem as its capital both then and  
3 now; and  
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5 WHEREAS, for more than two thousand (2,000) years, Jews living in other  
6 parts of the world maintained a profound spiritual and emotional connection  
7 to the Land of Israel, and there has been continuous Jewish presence in the  
8 land comprising the modern State of Israel; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the internationally recognized legal basis for the  
11 establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding resolution under  
12 international law that was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in  
13 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress;  
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16 WHEREAS, this binding resolution affirmed the establishment of a  
17 national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of  
18 Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem; and  
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20 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the  
21 establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel with the goal  
22 of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized land as a homeland for  
23 the Jewish people; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern State of Israel as a homeland  
26 for the Jewish people followed the destruction of much of the European Jewry  
27 during the Holocaust; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the United States Government established full diplomatic  
30 relations after the State of Israel's first election in 1949; and  
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32 WHEREAS, since its establishment seventy-five (75) years ago, the  
33 modern State of Israel has forged a new and dynamic society and created a  
34 thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Israel, in the spirit of the State

1 of Israel's Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, have  
2 established a vibrant, pluralistic, democratic political system; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial  
5 economy, is among the world's leaders of the high-tech industry, and is at  
6 the forefront of research and development in the fields of renewable energy  
7 sources and medicine; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the State of Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search  
10 and rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies to help  
11 victims of disasters around the world; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has taken in millions of Jews from  
14 countries throughout the world and sought to fully integrate them into  
15 Israeli society; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has long-established peaceful bilateral  
18 relations with Egypt and Jordan, and has more recently established peace with  
19 Bahrain, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, and Sudan, and has worked toward  
20 achieving a secure, peaceful relationship with the Palestinian people, and is  
21 looking forward to normalizing relations with all other Arab neighbors in  
22 pursuit of enduring regional stability and prosperity; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Ralph Bunche, a noted advisor to the United States Department  
25 of State, in his capacity as acting United Nations mediator worked tirelessly  
26 with many others on behalf of the United States to obtain signatures on  
27 armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab States; and  
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29 WHEREAS, for seven (7) decades, the United States, the State of  
30 Arkansas, and the State of Israel have maintained a special relationship  
31 based on mutually shared democratic and moral values, common strategic  
32 interests, and bonds of friendship and mutual respect; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Arkansas continue to regard  
35 the State of Israel as a trusted ally and vital strategic partner in the  
36 Middle East; and

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2           WHEREAS, the American people and the people of Arkansas feel a strong  
3 affinity for the Israeli people based on common values and shared cultural  
4 heritage; and

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6           WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas again wishes to reaffirm its desire that  
7 the United States of America remains a strong and unequivocal supporter of  
8 the State of Israel and the right of Israel to defend itself in its own  
9 country; and

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11           WHEREAS, nightfall of the 25th day of April through the evening of the  
12 26th day of April 2023, the fifth day of Iyar, 5783 of the Hebrew calendar,  
13 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the modern State of  
14 Israel in the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20           THAT the Senate congratulate the State of Israel on the occasion of the  
21 seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment, recognize the contributions  
22 of the State of Israel to humankind, express support for the people of the  
23 State of Israel for their right to live in freedom and to defend their land  
24 and their country, and extend its best wishes to the State of Israel and to  
25 the Israeli people for a peaceful and prosperous future.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to  
28 the Consul General of the State of Israel to the Southwest in Houston, Texas,  
29 and to the Embassy of Israel to the United States in Washington, D.C., for  
30 transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel by the  
31 Secretary of the Senate.

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