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SJR___ HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN ALABAMA AND ISRAEL.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel
proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and
independent State of Israel and the United States
immediately recognized Israel and established full
diplomatic relations; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 75th anniversary of the
fulfillment of the dream and longing of the Jewish people to
regain independence in their ancestral homeland, whose roots
include their historic sovereignty in the Land of Israel,
established over 3,000 years ago with the City of Jerusalem
then, as it is now, the capital of the world's only
sovereign Jewish state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama and Israel share a commitment to
deeply held common values from the history of each shaped
greatly through the influence of Biblical faith, in addition
to many nationally shared values as the only democratic ally
of the United States in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Israel is one of the smallest countries in
the world, yet it is also one of the world leaders in
technology and innovation, helping to face global challenges
through pioneering research and development in sustainable



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29 energy, medicine, cybersecurity, and more; and

30 WHEREAS, since its establishment, the modern State of
31 Israel has rebuilt the nation, forged a vibrant democracy,
32 developed a dynamic society, and created a thriving
33 economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life despite
34 heavy burdens of war and terrorism; and

35 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is an unequivocal
36 supporter of the State of Israel and its right to defend
37 itself against terror and any threat to its security; and

38 WHEREAS, Israel's peace with Egypt and Jordan and the
39 signing of the recent Abraham Accords paves the way for
40 further regional stability and a new era of opportunity
41 between Israel and her Arab neighbors and gives hope for a
42 better future for all; and

43 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama remains committed to a
44 future where the State of Israel and all her neighbors can
45 live in peace, with mutual recognition of each other's
46 dignity and sovereignty; and

47 WHEREAS, in the midst of World War II, when the axis
48 powers were not only waging world war against America and
49 Europe, but also seeking the mass murder and systematic
50 extermination of the Jewish people, Alabama led the nation
51 in an official call for the establishment of the Jewish
52 state in its ancestral homeland, five years before Israel
53 was reborn as a nation; and

54 WHEREAS, this year also marks the 80th anniversary of
55 that historic resolution, Act 144, Senate Joint Resolution,
56 1943 Regular Session, and the beginning of a long history of



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57 devoted friendship, cooperation, and strong unwavering
58 support from the State of Alabama for the State of Israel;
59 and

60 WHEREAS, the strong bond between Alabama and Israel
61 continues to be expressed in growing political, cultural,
62 economic, academic, business, and community partnerships for
63 the mutual benefit of our people; now therefore,

64 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
65 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the State of Alabama:

66 (1) Honors and celebrates the historic significance
67 of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the State of
68 Israel, becoming once again the world's only nation state of
69 the Jewish people, in its ancestral homeland with Jerusalem,
70 once again, its eternal undivided capital.

71 (2) Recognizes and supports Israel in its legal,
72 historical, and moral right to independence and
73 self-determination.

74 (3) Commends the people of Israel for their
75 remarkable achievements, resilience, and determination in
76 building a new and flourishing state in the face of hatred,
77 terrorism, hostility, and belligerence by neighbors and
78 others in the international community.

79 (4) Reaffirms the historic 1943 joint resolution from
80 Alabama supporting the establishment of the Jewish state and
81 homeland in Israel and celebrates the historic significance
82 of the 80th anniversary of its passing.

83 (5) Commits to the continued friendship, cooperation,
84 and strengthening of the relationship between Alabama and



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85 Israel, for the good of Alabama, Israel, the United States,
86 and the family of nations.

87 (6) Extends the warmest congratulations, heartfelt
88 prayers, declared blessings, and best wishes to the State of
89 Israel and her people for a peaceful, prosperous, and
90 successful future.

91 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is directed that a
92 copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Alabama
93 Delegation to the United States Congress, and to the Israeli
94 Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to all the
95 proper authorities in the State of Israel.