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HR_____ COMMEMORATING THE 77TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE STATE
OF ISRAEL.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the modern State of Israel
declared its independence, reestablishing a sovereign nation
in the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, Israel has grown into a vibrant, democratic
nation and a global leader in innovation, agriculture,
science, and technology, all while upholding the values of
freedom, human dignity, and democracy in a challenging
region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has long shared a deep
and enduring bond with Israel, being the first U.S. state to
recognize the significance of a Jewish homeland when, in
1943, the Alabama Legislature passed a resolution urging the
establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Alabama Legislature further
strengthened this relationship by forming the bipartisan
Alabama-Israel Legislative Caucus, affirming our commitment
to friendship, cooperation, and shared values; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the historic participation
of Robert Shwartzman, the first Israeli driver in IndyCar
history, who is racing at Alabama's own Barber Motorsports
Park in the Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix,
symbolizing the ever-growing ties between Alabama and Israel



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29 through sport and culture; and

30 WHEREAS, at this momentous 77th Independence Day,
31 Israel is engaged in a multifront war to defend itself from
32 Iranian-backed terrorist organizations, including Hamas and
33 Hezbollah, and continues to face existential threats from
34 bad actors seeking to destroy the Jewish state; and

35 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama unequivocally stands
36 with Israel and affirms its right to self-defense in the
37 face of terrorism and aggression, and honors the bravery and
38 resilience of its people; and

39 WHEREAS, we join in the call for the immediate
40 release of the 59 hostages still being brutally held in
41 captivity by Hamas in Gaza and urge all nations and people
42 of goodwill to speak out against this ongoing humanitarian
43 cause; now therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
45 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we:

46 (1) Celebrate and honor the 77th Independence Day of
47 the State of Israel;

48 (2) Reaffirm the special relationship between Alabama
49 and Israel built on shared values, history, and friendship;

50 (3) Commend the formation of the Alabama-Israel
51 Legislative Caucus in 2024;

52 (4) Congratulate Robert Shwartzman on his historic
53 achievement as Israel's first IndyCar driver competing in
54 Alabama;

55 (5) Express our steadfast support for Israel's right
56 to defend itself against terrorism and external threats; and



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57 (6) Urge the immediate and unconditional release of
58 all hostages held in Gaza.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
60 resolution be transmitted to the Consulate General of Israel
61 to the Southeastern United States as a testament to
62 Alabama's unwavering solidarity with the State of Israel and
63 its people.