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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMEMORATING THE 77TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE STATE  
5 OF ISRAEL.  
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7 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the modern State of Israel  
8 declared its independence, reestablishing a sovereign nation  
9 in the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has long shared a deep  
16 and enduring bond with Israel, being the first U.S. state to  
17 recognize the significance of a Jewish homeland when, in  
18 1943, the Alabama Legislature passed a resolution urging the  
19 establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine; and

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

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



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through sport and culture; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Express our steadfast support for Israel's right 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.