

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the modern state of Israel on the seventy-fourth anniversary of its establishment

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the modern state of Israel on the occasion of the  
3 seventy-fourth anniversary of its establishment, to recognize the contributions of  
4 Israel to humankind, to express support for the people of Israel for their right to live  
5 in freedom and to defend their land and their country, and to extend best wishes to  
6 the state of Israel and to the Israeli people for a peaceful and prosperous future.

7 WHEREAS, Israel was historically granted her lands under and through the oldest  
8 recorded deed, as found in the Holy Bible, which is a tome of Scripture revered by Jews and  
9 Christians alike as presenting the acts and words of God; and

10 WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern state  
11 of Israel is directly linked to the existence of the historic kingdom of Israel established in the  
12 land of Israel more than three thousand years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as its capital  
13 both then and now; and

14 WHEREAS, for more than two thousand years, Jews living in other parts of the  
15 world have maintained a profound spiritual and emotional connection to the land of Israel,  
16 and there has been a continuous Jewish presence in the land comprising the modern state of  
17 Israel; and

18 WHEREAS, the internationally recognized legal basis for the establishment of the  
19 modern state of Israel was a binding resolution under international law that was unanimously  
20 adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the  
21 United States Congress; and

1           WHEREAS, this binding resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home  
2 for the Jewish people in the historical region of the land of Israel, including the areas of  
3 Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem; and

4           WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of  
5 the sovereign and independent state of Israel with the goal of reestablishing its God-given  
6 and legally recognized land as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

7           WHEREAS, the establishment of the modern state of Israel as a homeland for the  
8 Jewish people followed the destruction of much of European Jewry during the Holocaust;  
9 and

10          WHEREAS, the United States government established full diplomatic relations after  
11 Israel's first election in 1949; and

12          WHEREAS, since its establishment seventy-four years ago, the modern state of  
13 Israel has forged a new and dynamic society and created a thriving economic, political,  
14 cultural, and intellectual life; and

15          WHEREAS, the people of Israel, in the spirit of Israel's Declaration of Independence,  
16 have established a vibrant, pluralistic, and democratic political system; and

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

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

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

24          WHEREAS, Israel has long established peaceful bilateral relations with Egypt and  
25 Jordan, has more recently established peace with Bahrain, Morocco, the United Arab  
26 Emirates, and Sudan, is working toward achieving a secure peaceful relationship with the  
27 Palestinian people, and is looking forward to normalizing relations with all other Arab  
28 neighbors in pursuit of enduring regional stability and prosperity; and

1           WHEREAS, for more than seven decades, the United States, the state of Louisiana,  
2 and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on mutually shared democratic and  
3 moral values, common strategic interests, and bonds of friendship and mutual respect; and

4           WHEREAS, the United States and the state of Louisiana continue to regard Israel as  
5 a trusted ally and vital strategic partner in the Middle East; and

6           WHEREAS, the American people and the people of Louisiana feel a strong affinity  
7 for the Israeli people based on common values and shared cultural heritage; and

8           WHEREAS, recently the Jewish communities from across the state of Louisiana have  
9 joined together to create the first statewide Jewish coalition and the Louisiana Jewish  
10 Coalition celebrates Israel's independence as the home of the Jewish people; and

11           WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana again wishes to reaffirm its desire that the United  
12 States of America remain a strong and unequivocal supporter of Israel and the right of Israel  
13 to defend itself in its own country; and

14           WHEREAS, May 5, 2022, the fourth day of Iyar, 5782 of the Hebrew calendar,  
15 marks the seventy-fourth anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel in the  
16 ancestral homeland of the Jewish people.

17           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Israel on the occasion of  
19 the seventy-fourth anniversary of its establishment; does hereby recognize the contributions  
20 of Israel to humankind; does hereby express support for the people of Israel for their right  
21 to live in freedom and to defend their land and their country; and does hereby extend its best  
22 wishes to the state of Israel and to the Israeli people for a peaceful and prosperous future.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 Consul General of the State of Israel to the Southwest in Houston, Texas, and to the  
25 Embassy of Israel to the United States in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper  
26 authorities in the state of Israel.

DIGEST

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Commends the modern state of Israel on the 74th anniversary of its establishment.