

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 455**

**WHEREAS**, The modern state of Israel is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1922, the League of Nations adopted a binding resolution recognizing the legal basis for the establishment of the modern state of Israel as a home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem; the resolution was subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruled in ancient times by the kingdom of Israel, this region has held a special place in the hearts of Jews for more than two thousand years; while some maintained a Jewish presence in the land during the long period of exile, members of the global diaspora continued to feel a profound spiritual and emotional connection; and

**WHEREAS**, Modern Israel took its place on the world stage on May 14, 1948, following the decimation of European Jewry during the Holocaust; the creation of the sovereign and independent state of Israel provided a legally recognized homeland for the Jewish people; in 1949, after Israel held its first election, the United States government established full diplomatic relations with the new country; ever since, our nations have remained close allies, united by cultural values and strategic interests; and

**WHEREAS**, Guided by their own Declaration of Independence, the people of Israel have developed a pluralistic, democratic political system, a vibrant society, and an advanced, entrepreneurial economy; the nation has taken in millions of Jews from the diaspora and enjoys peaceful bilateral relations with neighbors in the region, including Egypt, Jordan, Bahrain, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, and Sudan; in times of need, it sends humanitarian aid, search and rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and emergency supplies to help the victims of disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, Texans cherish a special friendship with Israel, and the nation and the Lone Star State have strong economic ties; Israel is one of Texas' strongest partners for trade and investment in the Middle East, and top commodities exchanged include industrial machinery, aircraft parts, and plastics; many Israeli companies currently operate in Texas, notably in the aerospace and energy sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas and Israel share a profound commitment to liberty, independence, and economic opportunity, and this bond is sure to deepen in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel.

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Alvarado	Hancock	Nichols
Bettencourt	Hinojosa	Parker
Birdwell	Huffman	Paxton
Blanco	Hughes	Perry
Campbell	Johnson	Schwertner
Creighton	Kolkhorst	Sparks
Eckhardt	LaMantia	Springer
Flores	Menéndez	West
Gutierrez	Middleton	Whitmire
Hall	Miles	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 26, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate