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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Guided by their own Declaration of Independence, the

1 people of Israel have developed a pluralistic, democratic political
2 system, a vibrant society, and an advanced, entrepreneurial
3 economy; the nation has taken in millions of Jews from the diaspora
4 and enjoys peaceful bilateral relations with neighbors in the
5 region, including Egypt, Jordan, Bahrain, Morocco, the United Arab
6 Emirates, and Sudan; in times of need, it sends humanitarian aid,
7 search and rescue teams, mobile hospitals, and emergency supplies
8 to help the victims of disasters; and

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
20 hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the
21 modern state of Israel.