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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

CONGRATULATING ISRAEL ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, DELAWARE, AND ISRAEL.

1           WHEREAS, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel on  
2   May 14, 1948, and the United States government established full diplomatic relations after Israel's first election in 1949;  
3   and

4           WHEREAS, the people of Israel, in the spirit of Israel's Declaration of Independence, have established a vibrant,  
5   pluralistic, democratic political system, which includes freedom of speech, association, and religion; a vigorously free  
6   press; free, fair, and open elections; the rule of law; a fully independent judiciary; and other democratic principles and  
7   practices; and

8           WHEREAS, Israel has developed some of the world's leading universities; and

9           WHEREAS, Israel has an advanced, entrepreneurial economy, is among the world's leaders in the technology  
10   industry, and is at the forefront of research and development in the fields of renewable energy sources and medicine; and

11           WHEREAS, since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern State of Israel has rebuilt the nation, forged a new  
12   and dynamic society, and created a thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life despite the heavy burdens of  
13   war and terrorism; and

14           WHEREAS, Israel became home for many Jewish people after the destruction of much of European Jewry during  
15   the Holocaust; and

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

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

20           WHEREAS, for 7 decades, the United States, Delaware, and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on  
21   shared democratic and moral values, common interests, and bonds of friendship and mutual respect; and

22           WHEREAS the American people and people of Delaware feel a strong affinity for the Israeli people based on  
23   common values and shared cultural heritage; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States and Delaware continue to regard Israel as a trusted ally and vital strategic partner.

25 NOW, THEREFORE:

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that the historic  
27 significance of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reestablishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel is recognized;  
28 and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate reaffirms the bonds of friendship and cooperation which have  
30 existed between the United States, Delaware, and Israel for the past 70 years; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate commends the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements  
32 in building a new state and a pluralistic, democratic society in the face of many hardships, such as terrorism; and

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate reaffirms its enduring support for Israel as Israel pursues peace  
34 with its neighbors; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate extends warmest congratulations and best wishes to the State of  
36 Israel and to the Israeli people for a peaceful and prosperous future.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Senate Resolution congratulates the State of Israel on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of its founding.

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