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Sponsors: Representatives Hardister, Ross, Szoka, and Goodman (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
2 FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND REAFFIRMING BONDS OF  
3 FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
4 AND ISRAEL.

5 Whereas, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the  
6 sovereign and independent modern State of Israel as a successor and outgrowth of the historic  
7 kingdom of Israel and the United States government established full diplomatic relations with  
8 Israel; and

9 Whereas, since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern State of Israel has rebuilt  
10 a nation, forged a new and dynamic democratic society, and created a thriving economic,  
11 political, cultural, and intellectual life, despite the heavy costs of war and terrorism against the  
12 State and its people; and

13 Whereas, Israel has developed some of the leading universities in the world, and 12  
14 Israeli citizens have been awarded the Nobel Prize; and

15 Whereas, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial economy, is a global  
16 leader in the high-tech industry, and is at the forefront of research and development in fields such  
17 as agriculture, medicine, and renewable energy sources; and

18 Whereas, Israel has developed and pioneered techniques for expanding the yield and  
19 quality of crops in areas with limited water resources and for making agriculture cleaner and  
20 more efficient overall; and

21 Whereas, Israel is a world leader in technologies that make industry more efficient  
22 and minimize the environmental impact of human activities in countries with booming  
23 populations, shrinking resources, and environmental degradation; and

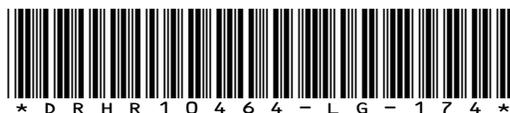
24 Whereas, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search and rescue teams, mobile  
25 hospitals, and other emergency supplies to help victims of disasters around the world; and

26 Whereas, North Carolina has exported over \$2.2 billion in goods and services to Israel  
27 since 1996, including over \$150 million in 2017; and

28 Whereas, for seven decades, the United States and Israel have maintained a special  
29 relationship based on mutually shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral  
30 bonds of friendship and mutual respect; and

31 Whereas, Israel has established peaceful bilateral relations with two former combatant  
32 states, Egypt and Jordan, and has sought to achieve a secure peace with the Palestinians and  
33 Israel's other Arab neighbors; and

34 Whereas, it is fitting and proper to honor the memory of Shimon Peres, a man who  
35 epitomized Israel's desire to live in peace with its neighbors; and



1           Whereas, Shimon Peres was a founding father of modern Israel who dedicated his life  
2 to ensuring Israel's military strength and also to bringing about a lasting peace with its neighbors;  
3 Now, therefore,

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives recognizes the historic significance of  
6 the 70th anniversary of the reestablishment of the State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish  
7 people and reaffirms its enduring support for Israel as Israel pursues peace with its neighbors.

8           **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives commends the people of Israel for their  
9 remarkable achievements in building a new nation and a pluralistic, democratic society in the  
10 face of terrorism and looks forward to increased trade and enhanced economic, scientific,  
11 cultural, and educational cooperation for the mutual benefit and prosperity of the citizens of  
12 North Carolina and the people of Israel.

13           **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives extends the warmest congratulations  
14 and best wishes to the State of Israel and the Israeli people for a peaceful, secure, and successful  
15 future.

16           **SECTION 4.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Shimon Peres, a  
17 man who dedicated his life to ensuring Israel's security and to bringing about a lasting peace with  
18 its neighbors.

19           **SECTION 5.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to  
20 the Executive Directors of the Jewish Federations in North Carolina and to the family of Shimon  
21 Peres.

22           **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.