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**H. C. R. No. 16**

**Representatives Beck, Adams, J.**

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Lundy, Boyce, Barnes, Dovilla, Gerberry, Perales, Cera, Clyde, Curtin**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Honoring the State of Israel on its Sixty-fifth 1  
Anniversary. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The members of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio 3  
are pleased to congratulate the State of Israel on the Sixty-fifth 4  
Anniversary of its independence; and 5

WHEREAS, After World War I, Great Britain was tasked by the 6  
League of Nations to govern the area of the Middle East known as 7  
Mandatory Palestine, which was populated by Arabs, Muslims, and 8  
Jews, but after World War II, the huge influx of Jewish refugees 9  
fleeing the Holocaust led to strife in the region. Unable to 10  
resolve disagreements between Arabs and Jews, Great Britain 11  
announced plans to withdraw from Mandatory Palestine, and on May 12  
14, 1948, the day before the termination of British rule, David 13  
Ben-Gurion, the executive head of the World Zionist Organization 14  
and president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declared the 15

establishment of the State of Israel. The United States was one of 16  
the first countries to recognize its independence; and 17

WHEREAS, The people of Israel have established a 18  
parliamentary democracy that incorporates the freedoms cherished 19  
by the people of the United States, including freedom of speech, 20  
freedom of religion, freedom of association, freedom of the press, 21  
and government by the consent of the governed. Israel continues to 22  
serve as a shining model of democratic values, and it has become a 23  
world leader in such areas as economics, technology, health care, 24  
energy, and humanitarianism. The Israeli government has worked 25  
with the governments of neighboring Egypt and Jordan to establish 26  
bilateral peaceful relations, and despite not being recognized by 27  
other nearby countries, it continues to seek peace in the Middle 28  
East; and 29

WHEREAS, Israel maintains a strategic partnership with the 30  
United States based on shared democratic values, friendship, and 31  
respect. Because we, as Americans, appreciate and respect the 32  
backgrounds of each of our nation's citizens, we are pleased to 33  
join in the celebration of Israel's Independence Day, which on the 34  
Jewish calendar, coincides with April 16, 2013; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 36  
of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the State of Israel 37  
on the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of its independence and extend best 38  
wishes to its citizens on the celebration of this milestone; and 39  
be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 42  
media of Ohio. 43