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Senator LaRose

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, After World War I, Great Britain was tasked by the League of Nations to govern the area of the Middle East known as Mandatory Palestine, which was populated by Arabs, Muslims, and Jews, but after World War II, the huge influx of Jewish refugees fleeing the Holocaust led to unrest in the region. Unable to resolve disagreements between Arabs and Jews, Great Britain announced plans to withdraw from Mandatory Palestine, and on May 14, 1948, the day before the termination of British rule, David Ben-Gurion, the executive head of the World Zionist Organization and president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declared the establishment of the State of Israel. The United States was one of the first countries to recognize its independence; and

WHEREAS, The people of Israel have established a parliamentary democracy that incorporates the freedoms cherished by the people of the United States, including freedom of speech,

freedom of religion, freedom of association, freedom of the press, and government by the consent of the governed. Israel continues to serve as a shining model of democratic values, and it has become a world leader in such areas as economics, technology, health care, energy, and humanitarianism. The Israeli government has worked with the governments of neighboring Egypt and Jordan to establish bilateral peaceful relations, and despite not being recognized by other nearby countries, it continues to seek peace in the Middle East; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.