

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE 75TH
2 ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

3 WHEREAS, the Jewish people established the sovereign and
4 independent State of Israel on May 14, 1948, and the United States
5 of America immediately recognized and established full diplomatic
6 relations with Israel; and

7 WHEREAS, the uninterrupted dream of the Jewish people to
8 reestablish their independent state is directly linked to their
9 historic sovereignty in the Land of Israel, established 3,000
10 years ago with the city of Jerusalem as its capital then as it is
11 now; and

12 WHEREAS, against all odds and overwhelming force, 75 years
13 ago the brave new nation of Israel immediately had to fight a war
14 for independence, fiercely defending its right to exist in a
15 hostile world; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has remained the strongest ally
17 of the United States in the Middle East in the decades since its
18 inception; and



19 WHEREAS, since its establishment, the modern State of Israel
20 has rebuilt the nation, forged a new and dynamic society, and
21 created a thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual
22 life despite the heavy burdens of war and terrorism; and

23 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Israel, in the spirit of
24 its Declaration of Independence, have established a vibrant,
25 pluralistic, and democratic political system; and

26 WHEREAS, the State of Israel has developed an advanced
27 entrepreneurial economy, has one of the world's leading
28 technological industries and is at the forefront of research and
29 development in energy and medicine; and

30 WHEREAS, Israel contains sacred and holy sites of many of the
31 world's religions, including Christianity and Islam, and thousands
32 of Mississippians travel there each year to see these sites and
33 participate in a rich cultural exchange with the Israeli people;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Mississippi and the State of Israel have continually
36 maintained a relationship of honor and respect based upon mutual
37 values of democratic freedom and desire for peace among all people
38 of all nations; and

39 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is an unequivocal supporter
40 of the State of Israel and its right to defend itself against
41 terror and any threat to its security; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to remain
43 committed to a future where the State of Israel and its neighbors



44 can live in peace, with mutual recognition of each other's dignity
45 and autonomy:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we do honor and celebrate the 75th anniversary of
49 independence of the State of Israel and reaffirm our strong
50 support for all people of the State of Israel to live in freedom
51 and peace and as a blessing to all nations.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to the Consul General Sultan-Dadon and to the members of
54 the Capitol Press Corps.

