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The Honorable Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
The Honorable President Shimon Peres
The Honorable Members of the Israel Knesset
Embassy of Israel to the United States
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Dear Prime Minister, President, Members of the Israel Knesset and State Officials,

It is truly an honor for us at the United States Congress to wish the Israeli people and all of you a very happy and blessed 65 years of Independence.

In its 65 years of statehood, the State of Israel has had to face and overcome monumental challenges. From the 1948 Independence War, 1967 Six Day War, 1969 War of Attrition, 1973 Yom Kippur War, 1982 First Lebanon War, 2001 Second Intifada, and 2006 Second Lebanon War, to the current threats and challenges mounted by Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, and others, the resilient and courageous nation of Israel has prevailed and continues to stand strong.

Time and time again throughout their existence, the Jewish people have been subjected to untold hardships and appalling injustices. The Persians, the Romans, and the Nazis, among so many others, tried to destroy the Jewish people without cause or provocation, but they are gone, and Israel remains. And one day, the people of Israel will walk the streets of Jerusalem in peace and security and the Jihadist haters of Israel will also be no more.

Never let it leave your mind that the people of America and so many in Congress carry an abiding love and loyalty in their hearts for Israel that will never be diminished. We stand with Israel at its 65th year of Independence and we will continue to stand with her during these challenging days and beyond.

Shalom,

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