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RESOLUTION No. 59

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 75^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL ON MAY 14, 2023

Whereas, the year 2023 marks a significant milestone for the State of Israel as they celebrate the seventy-fifth (75th) anniversary of the country's establishment, declared on May 14, 1948;

Whereas, the State of Israel was officially established through the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of Resolution 181 in November 1947, calling for the official partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states, to which the Philippines voted in favor along with thirty-three (33) other countries;

Whereas, the Philippines' involvement with the Jewish community goes way back to the Nazi persecution brought about by the Holocaust, with then President Manuel L. Quezon welcoming 1,300 European Jews seeking refuge through its Open Door Policy in 1934;

Whereas, the Philippines and Israel developed full diplomatic relations in 1957, which was made official through the Treaty of Friendship in 1958. Both nations continue to create deep connections and share holistic democratic values, freedom, and civil rights as manifested in the fourteen (14) existing major bilateral agreements;

Whereas, the Philippines joins the State of Israel in the celebration of its seventy-fifth (75th) founding anniversary in commemoration of both nations' steadfast and unwavering commitment to its harmonious and peaceful diplomatic relations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commemorate the seventy-fifth (75th) anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate