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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2016, Bahrain was the only Gulf Arab state to  
3 publicly mourn the passing of former Israeli President Shimon  
4 Peres; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2017, Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa  
6 called for an end to the Arab League boycott of Israel; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2018, Bahrain's then Foreign Minister Khaled  
8 bin Ahmed al Khalifa asserted Israel's right to defend itself  
9 and welcomed Israeli visitors to Bahrain in 2019; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Israeli national anthem was publicly  
11 played for the first time in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)  
12 during an international judo tournament in Abu Dhabi; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2019, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan,  
14 President of the UAE, announced the appointment of the first  
15 chief rabbi in the UAE; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2019, Israel was invited to attend the 2021  
17 World Expo in the UAE; and

18 WHEREAS, On August 13, 2020, Israeli Prime Minister  
19 Benjamin Netanyahu, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammad

1 Bin Zayed, and Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab  
2 Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan  
3 announced an agreement to fully normalize relations between  
4 their countries, and Israel agreed to suspend their proposed  
5 annexation of parts of the West Bank; and

6 WHEREAS, On August 13, 2020, United Nations Special  
7 Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov  
8 declared his support for the agreement between the UAE and  
9 Israel, including the Israeli pledge to halt proposed  
10 annexations; Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the United  
11 Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, also welcomed the  
12 agreement; and

13 WHEREAS, On August 29, 2020, the UAE revoked their 1972 law  
14 which prohibited business relations between individuals in  
15 Israel and the UAE, including the exchange of goods; and

16 WHEREAS, On September 9, 2020, the Arab League declined to  
17 condemn the normalization of relations between Israel and the  
18 UAE by voting down a proposal to denounce the normalization  
19 deal; and

20 WHEREAS, On September 10, 2020, Senior Advisor to the  
21 President Jared Kushner announced the opening of airspace over  
22 Saudi Arabia to commercial flights between Israel and Bahrain

1 after Saudi Arabia opened their airspace to flights between  
2 Israel and the UAE on September 2, 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2020, Israeli Prime Minister  
4 Benjamin Netanyahu and Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa  
5 announced the establishment of full diplomatic relations  
6 between their countries; and

7 WHEREAS, Bahrain and the UAE are the first Gulf Arab states  
8 to announce formal relations with Israel; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 the Illinois House of Representatives supports the  
12 establishment of full diplomatic relations between the State of  
13 Israel and both the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois House of Representatives calls  
16 on other Arab and Muslim countries to establish full relations  
17 with Israel with the goal of realizing peace and stability  
18 throughout the Middle East; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Illinois House of Representatives  
20 reaffirms its support for a negotiated solution to the  
21 Israeli-Palestinian conflict.