



Statement

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Mr. Speaker,

It is with great pride that I stand here today to mark the celebration of Israel's independence. On this 59th birthday, it is imperative to remember that Israel was conceived as a nation out of one of the darkest days in our collective history, the Holocaust. It is from that deep anguish, that great hope was born and Israel was established. Today, more than ever, we must pledge to protect Israel against those who brazenly seek its destruction.

Right now, proud Israeli's are filling the streets wearing blue and white, singing, and dancing with pride for their country.

Today we celebrate not only another year on the calendar, we rejoice in the freedom, democracy and perseverance that is Israel. The desert land that was once nothing more than a dream, has since become a beautiful, thriving state filled with the richness of history and booming urban centres. It is a remarkable feat that Israel has become a leader in 21st century discoveries and innovation despite its many challenges.

I look forward to sharing in the great spirit of Israel's Independence Day, today, and in the years to come.