

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman André Carson submitted the following statement for the record today on House Concurrent Resolution 322, a resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel. Following are his remarks:

“Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 322, a resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

“Mr. Speaker, beyond just being an influential world leader, the State of Israel has been a staunch and ardently loyal ally of the United States over the last several decades. This great nation’s commitment to protecting its citizens and securing its homeland are simply unmatched.

“Since the founding of the modern State of Israel in 1948, the bond between the United States and our Middle East partner has grown and remained strong. It is incumbent that we as Members of Congress do all we can to make sure that this relationship continues to flourish.

“Mr. Speaker, the United States must make every effort possible to safeguard our relationship with the Middle East’s only democracy, Israel. Now more than ever, we must diligently advance our shared interests and goals as it pertains to promoting peace and combating terrorism.

“Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to congratulate the State of Israel, the Israeli citizens, and the Jewish community on reaching this milestone. This great nation has much to celebrate and be proud of on its 60th birthday.

“Thank you Mr. Speaker and I yield back the balance of my time.”

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