

Today, Congressman Quigley delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

Madame Speaker, 62 years ago Israel declared its independence and established a nation founded on principles of freedom, justice, and peace.

These founding tenets are not unlike those on which the United States was built.

And these mutual beliefs spurred a resilient relationship between Israel and the U.S. – a friendship of six decades which remains strong to today.

The United States was the first nation to recognize Israel, and with that recognition came a promise.

A promise to ensure Israel's security.

A promise to stand behind the only other democracy in the Middle East.

And a promise to always uphold Israel's right to exist.

On this special anniversary let us celebrate, as the Israeli folk song goes, Am Yisrael Chai.

The People of Israel Lives.

Quigley Celebrates Israel's 62nd Birthday on the House Floor

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And may they have the Land of Israel to call home—today, tomorrow and always.