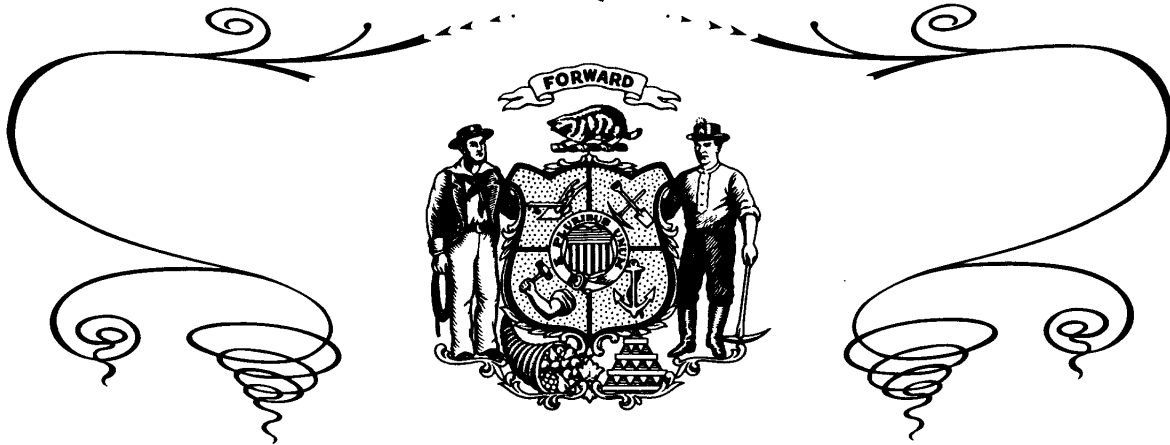


# State of Wisconsin



1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 132

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** celebrating the 50th anniversary of Israel.

Whereas, on April 30, 1998, the State of Israel will celebrate its 50th anniversary; and

Whereas, the achievement of nationhood was the culmination of decades of effort aimed at creating a state in the territory that, 2000 years ago, was the Land of Israel; and

Whereas, the State of Israel is a unique combination of a nation firmly rooted in a rich and varied religious and spiritual tradition and a modern, cosmopolitan country; and

Whereas, despite the volatility of the Middle East, Israel has made important strides in creating peaceful relations with its neighbors and in establishing stability in that region; and

Whereas, Israel is the only true democracy in the Middle East; and

Whereas, Israel has been a staunch ally and friend of the United States; and

Whereas, Israel's population has increased tenfold since its inception, its economy has flourished and it has produced an amazing number of eminent political leaders; and

Whereas, Israel has been a haven for Jewish refugees while ensuring religious freedom for all; and

Whereas, on the day after the State of Israel was founded, David Ben-Gurion correctly stated that "something unique occurred yesterday in Israel, and only future generations will be able to evaluate the full historical significance of the event"; and

Whereas, 50 years later it is clear that the full historical significance of the event is monumental; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature congratulate the citizens of Israel on their nation's 50th anniversary, commend them for their nation's achievements during those 5 decades and wish for them many centuries of peace and prosperity; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Israel's ambassador to this country and to Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

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Senator Brian D. Rude  
President of the Senate

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Representative Scott R. Jensen  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Charles R. Sanders  
Assembly Chief Clerk