(Washington, DC) - **Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA), delivered the following speech on the House Floor today in honor of the 61st anniversary of Israel's independence. You can see video of the Congressman's speech here .**

"As Congress commemorates the 61st anniversary of the independence of Israel, I rise to express my deep concern that the future of this nation is gravely threatened by Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.

"Iran's radical regime openly desires the demise of Israel and longs for regional dominance. It is now on the cusp of acquiring the weapons needed to potentially achieve both. Nations that value liberty and peace must stand strongly against Iran's dangerous behavior.

"The United States must confront this looming crisis with resolve and strength. I have cosponsored the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act, which would significantly undermine Iran's lucrative energy sector. Congress should pass this legislation and show our steadfast support for Israel."