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40th Annual Israeli Folkdance Festival in Boston

Dear Friends,

I regret I cannot be with you in person today, as I am in spirit, as you celebrate the exuberance of Israel through its folk dances. I have spent time in Israel, in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and in Boston's sister city Haifa, and I have marveled at the vitality and pluralism of Israeli society. Immigrants from Eastern Europe, North Africa, South America, and the former Soviet Union, to mention the origins of some but not all your compatriots, brought rich traditions of art and music. These traditions sustained them in dark places and dark times. Now Israelis sing and dance together as free people, and we all rejoice in that freedom.

Yours with every good wish,

Michael E. Capuano Member of Congress

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