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Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. PENCE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

Whereas for 3,000 years Jerusalem has been the focal point of Jewish religious devotion;

Whereas there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Jerusalem for three millennia and a Jewish majority in the city since the 1840s;

Whereas the once thriving Jewish majority of the historic Old City of Jerusalem was driven out by force during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War;

Whereas, from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city, and Israeli citizens of all faiths, as well as Jewish citizens of all states, were denied access to holy sites in the area controlled by Jordan;

Whereas, in 1967, Jerusalem was reunited by Israel during the conflict known as the Six Day War;

Whereas, since 1967, Jerusalem has been a united city, and persons of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city;

Whereas this year marks the 40th year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city, in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas each sovereign country, under international law and custom, has the right to designate its own capital;

Whereas this year marks the 59th anniversary of Israel's independence;

Whereas Jerusalem is the seat of the Government of Israel, including the President, Parliament, and the Supreme Court;

Whereas the United States maintains its embassy in the functioning capital of every country except in the case of Israel, a friend and strategic ally of the United States;

Whereas the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), which became law on November 8, 1995, states as a matter of United States policy that Jerusalem should remain the undivided capital of Israel; and

Whereas the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228) directs that the Secretary of State shall, upon the request of a citizen or a citizen's legal guardian, record the place of birth of a United States citizen born in the city of Jerusalem as Israel: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

1 (1) congratulates the residents of Jerusalem
2 and the people of Israel on the 40th anniversary of
3 the reunification of that historic city;

4 (2) congratulates the people of Israel on the
5 59th anniversary of their independence;

6 (3) strongly believes that Jerusalem must re-
7 main an undivided city in which the rights of every
8 ethnic and religious group are protected as they
9 have been by Israel during the past 40 years;

10 (4) calls upon the President and the Secretary
11 of State to repeatedly affirm publicly, as a matter of
12 United States policy, that Jerusalem must remain
13 the undivided capital of the State of Israel;

14 (5) strongly urges the President to discontinue
15 the waiver contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act
16 of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), immediately imple-
17 ment the provisions of that Act, and begin the proc-
18 ess of relocating the United States Embassy in
19 Israel to Jerusalem;

20 (6) further urges United States officials to re-
21 frain from any actions that contradict United States
22 law on this subject; and

23 (7) reaffirms Israel’s right to take necessary
24 steps to prevent any future division of Jerusalem.

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