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Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the State of Israel and the opening of the United States Embassy in Jerusalem.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the State of Israel and the opening of the United States Embassy in Jerusalem.

Whereas the United States was the first country to recognize the State of Israel in 1948;

Whereas Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion proclaimed Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in 1949;

Whereas the United States stood behind Israel during the Six Day War in 1967;

Whereas the United States rushed military aid in an airlift called “Operation Nickel Grass” to help Israel during the Yom Kippur War in 1973;

Whereas in 1979, President Carter hosted the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt;

Whereas the United States and Israel entered into an early free trade agreement in 1985;

Whereas in 1991 during the Gulf War, Israel bravely sustained consistent bombardment, with United States assistance;

Whereas in 1993, President Clinton hosted Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for the signing of a Declaration of Principles on Interim Palestinian Self-government;

Whereas the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, enacted on November 8, 1995, recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; and

Whereas in 2009, President Bush addressed the Israeli Knesset, noting that Israel has “raised a modern society in the Promised Land, a light unto the nations that preserves the legacy of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob”, and “built a mighty democracy that will endure forever and can always count on the United States of America to be at your side”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends the State of Israel for maintain-
3 ing friendly and meaningful relations with the
4 United States over the past 70 years;

5 (2) recognizes Israel as a strong and stable de-
6 mocracy in the region;

7 (3) salutes the deep security relationship be-
8 tween the United States and Israel;

1 (4) encourages other countries with diplomatic
2 relations with Israel to move their embassies to Je-
3 rusalem; and

4 (5) commends the Trump Administration for its
5 December 6, 2017, proclamation recognizing Jeru-
6 salem as the capital of Israel and relocating the
7 United States embassy to Jerusalem on the anniver-
8 sary of Israeli independence.

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