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Providing for the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel before the United States recognizes a Palestinian state, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. SANTORUM) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Jerusalem
5 Resolution”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jew-
9 ish people for 3,000 years.

1 (2) Jerusalem has never been the capital for
2 any other state other than for the Jewish people.

3 (3) Jerusalem is central to Judaism and is cited
4 in the Tanach, the Hebrew Bible, 766 times.

5 (4) Jerusalem is not mentioned by name in the
6 Koran.

7 (5) Every sovereign nation has the right to des-
8 ignate its own capital.

9 (6) Jerusalem is the seat of the Government of
10 Israel, including the President, the parliament, and
11 the Supreme Court.

12 (7) United States law states as a matter of
13 United States policy that Jerusalem should be the
14 undivided capital of Israel.

15 (8) Israel is the only country in which the
16 United States neither maintains an embassy in the
17 city designated as the capital by the host country
18 nor recognizes such city as the capital.

19 (9) The citizens of Israel should be allowed to
20 worship freely and according to their traditions.

21 (10) Israel supports religious freedom for all
22 faiths.

23 (11) Relocating the United States Embassy in
24 Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would express the

1 continued support of the United States for Israel
2 and for an undivided Jerusalem.

3 **SEC. 3. LOCATION OF UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN ISRAEL.**

4 Not later than 180 days before recognizing a Pales-
5 tinian state, the United States shall move the United
6 States Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

7 **SEC. 4. RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AS UNDIVIDED CAPITAL**
8 **OF ISRAEL.**

9 The United States shall not recognize a Palestinian
10 state until the international community resolves the status
11 of Jerusalem by recognizing the city as the undivided cap-
12 ital of Israel.

13 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FREEDOM OF**
14 **WORSHIP.**

15 It is the sense of Congress that the citizens of Israel
16 should be allowed, as a fundamental human right recog-
17 nized by the United States and United Nations General
18 Assembly resolution 181 of November 29, 1947, to wor-
19 ship freely and according to their traditions.

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