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Commemorating the 46th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. DESANTIS, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. PEARCE, and Mr. CRAMER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 46th 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 46th 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 65th 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—

3 (1) congratulates the residents of Jerusalem
4 and the people of Israel on the 46th anniversary of
5 the reunification of that historic city;

6 (2) congratulates the people of Israel on the
7 65th anniversary of their independence;

8 (3) strongly believes that Jerusalem must re-
9 main an undivided city in which the rights of every
10 ethnic and religious group are protected as they
11 have been by Israel during the past 46 years;

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

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

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

- 1 (7) reaffirms Israel's right to take necessary
- 2 steps to prevent any future division of Jerusalem.

