

Calendar No. 51

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. CON. RES. 21

Congratulating the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the thirtieth anniversary of the reunification of that historic city, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 1997

Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KYL, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. ENZI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MAY 8, 1997

Reported by Mr. HELMS, without amendment

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas for 3,000 years Jerusalem has been Judaism's holiest city and the focal point of Jewish religious devotion;

Whereas Jerusalem is also considered a holy city by members of other religious faiths;

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 thirtieth year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas in 1990 the United States Senate and House of Representatives overwhelmingly adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 and House Concurrent Resolution

290 declaring that Jerusalem, the capital of Israel,
 “must remain an undivided city” and calling on Israel
 and the Palestinians to undertake negotiations to resolve
 their differences;

Whereas Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel later cited
 Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 as having “helped our
 neighbors reach the negotiating table” to produce the his-
 toric Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Govern-
 ment Arrangements, signed in Washington on September
 13, 1993; and

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: Now, there-
 fore, be it

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

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

6 (2) 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 30 years;

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

1 (4) urges United States officials to refrain from
2 any actions that contradict United States law on
3 this subject.

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