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Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

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## 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

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## 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 Je-  
rusalem 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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