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Relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem.

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Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the
City of Jerusalem.

Whereas June 2007 marks the 40th anniversary of the Six
Day War and the reunification of the city of Jerusalem;

Whereas Israel has, since its founding, sought peace with its
Arab neighbors;

Whereas in the weeks leading up to the Six Day War, Israel's
neighbors, without provocation, called for and imple-
mented a blockade of Israel's critical outlet to the Red
Sea, ordered United Nations peace-keeping forces out of
the Sinai desert, massed their forces with apparent hos-
tile intent in the Sinai and in the Golan Heights, and
publicly threatened to destroy Israel;

Whereas in six days of war, Israel defeated those forces seeking its destruction and reunited the city of Jerusalem which had been artificially divided for 19 years;

Whereas Jerusalem has been the focal point of Jewish religious devotion and the site of a continuous Jewish presence for over three millennia, with a Jewish majority since at least 1896;

Whereas Jerusalem is also a holy city for the Christian and Muslim faiths;

Whereas the vibrant Jewish population 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 Jews of all nationalities were denied access to holy sites in eastern Jerusalem, including the Old City, in which the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are located;

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;

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 it is the policy of the United States to support a peaceful, two-state solution to end the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 (1) congratulates the citizens of Israel on the
2 40th anniversary of the Six Day War in which Israel
3 defeated enemies aiming to destroy the Jewish
4 State;

5 (2) congratulates the residents of Jerusalem
6 and the people of Israel on the 40th anniversary of
7 the reunification of that historic city;

8 (3) commends those former combatant states of
9 the Six Day War, Egypt and Jordan, who in subse-
10 quent years had the wisdom and courage to embrace
11 a vision of peace and coexistence with Israel;

12 (4) commends Israel for its administration of
13 the undivided city of Jerusalem for the past 40
14 years, during which Israel has respected the rights
15 of all religious groups;

16 (5) reiterates its commitment to the provisions
17 of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 and calls
18 upon the President and all United States officials
19 to abide by its provisions; and

20 (6) urges the Palestinians and Arab countries
21 to join with Israel in peace negotiations to resolve
22 the Arab-Israeli conflict, including realization of the
23 vision of two democratic states, Israeli and Pales-
24 tinian, living side-by-side in peace and security.

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