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H. CON. RES. 144

Commemorating the anniversary of United States recognition of Jerusalem
as the capital of the State of Israel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2018

Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BUCK, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. LATTI, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. BACON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MAST, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. GIBBS, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. EMMER, Mr. BRAT, Mrs. HANDEL, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. SCALISE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the anniversary of United States recognition
of Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

Whereas, more than three thousand years ago, King David
established Jerusalem as the capital of Israel;

Whereas Jerusalem is the spiritual home of the Jewish people;

Whereas even during periods of exile and oppression, the Jewish people continued to view Jerusalem as the sacred city to which they longed to return;

Whereas once the modern State of Israel declared its independence on May 14, 1948, Jerusalem was named its capital;

Whereas Jerusalem was divided by war at the time of the State of Israel's independence, and the Jewish people were prevented from visiting holy sites in East Jerusalem for years afterward;

Whereas while the United States was one of the first nations to recognize the State of Israel's independence and continues to be Israel's strongest ally, the United States did not officially recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital;

Whereas the United States subsequently established its Embassy in Tel Aviv, not Jerusalem, in 1949;

Whereas after the conclusion of the Six-Day War in 1967, the State of Israel reestablished control over the entirety of Jerusalem;

Whereas, since 1967, Jerusalem has been a free city in which not only Jews, but individuals of all faiths, are welcome to worship;

Whereas, in 1980, the Israeli Knesset declared Jerusalem its "united and eternal capital";

Whereas, in 1995, Congress unanimously passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act, stating that "Jerusalem should be recognized as the capital of the State of Israel" and the United States Embassy reestablished there;

Whereas Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump have all expressed support

for recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel; and

Whereas it is expected custom for the United States to recognize the self-declared capital cities of its allies, and to operate its Embassies from such cities: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commemorates the anniversary of the
4 Trump administration’s public recognition of Jeru-
5 salem as the capital of the State of Israel on Decem-
6 ber 6, 2017;

7 (2) applauds the subsequent relocation of the
8 United States Embassy to Jerusalem on May 14,
9 2018; and

10 (3) reaffirms the eternal friendship between the
11 United States and the State of Israel.

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