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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the 1
State of Israel. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Ohio is Israel's twenty-eighth largest trading 3
partner and nearly one hundred fifty thousand Ohio residents are 4
of the Jewish faith; and 5

WHEREAS, Ohio holds more Israeli bonds than any other 6
governmental entity in the world; and 7

WHEREAS, Archaeological digs have uncovered Jewish heritage 8
inside Jerusalem and across the land of Israel dating back to at 9
least three thousand years ago; and 10

WHEREAS, The government of Israel retained sovereign 11
control over the entire city of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967; and 12

WHEREAS, From 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city 13
and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jewish citizens of 14
all states were denied access to holy sites in the area 15
controlled by Jordan, but after 1967, Jerusalem has been a 16
united city administered by Israel, and persons of all religious 17

faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the 18
city; and 19

WHEREAS, Jerusalem is the residence of the Knesset, the 20
Supreme Court, the Prime Minister, the National Bank, and other 21
federal government buildings, and recognizing Jerusalem as the 22
capital of the State of Israel would provide for efficacy of 23
diplomacy; and 24

WHEREAS, Each sovereign nation under international law and 25
custom may designate its own capital, and furthermore, the 26
United States of America maintains its embassy in the 27
functioning capital of every country; and 28

WHEREAS, On October 24, 1995, the 104th United States 29
Congress passed the bipartisan Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 30
which was overwhelmingly adopted by the Senate (93-5) and the 31
House of Representatives (374-37), which recognized Jerusalem as 32
the capital of Israel and ordered the relocation of the United 33
States embassy to Jerusalem by no later than May 31, 1999; and 34

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2017, United States Senate Resolution 35
176 passed by a unanimous 90-0 vote. The Resolution recognizes 36
the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification; reaffirms 37
support for Israel's commitment to religious freedom and 38
administration of holy sites in Jerusalem; supports 39
strengthening the mutually beneficial American-Israeli 40
relationship; and reaffirms the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 as 41
U.S. Law and calls upon the President and all U.S. officials to 42
abide by its provisions; and 43

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2017, the President of the United 44
States of America officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital 45
of the State of Israel; and 46

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2018, the United States embassy 47
officially opened in Jerusalem; now therefore be it 48

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 49
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this concurrent 50
resolution, honor this auspicious occasion and formally 51
recognize the city of Jerusalem as the official capital of the 52
State of Israel; and be it further 53

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 54
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 55
news media of Ohio, to the President of the United States, to 56
the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 57
Representatives, to the President and Secretary of the United 58
States Senate, to the Chancellor of Higher Education and each of 59
the nine members of the Ohio Board of Regents, to the provosts 60
and chairpersons of the boards of trustees of all Ohio public 61
and private colleges and universities, and to the Israeli 62
Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper 63
authorities in the State of Israel. 64