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1 House Memorial 2 A memorial to the President of the United 3 States, urging the President to relocate the United States Embassy in the State of Israel to 4 the City of Jerusalem. 5 6 7 WHEREAS, in 1996, the State of Israel celebrated the 8 3,000th anniversary of the Jewish presence in Jerusalem since 9 King David entered the city and established it as the center of both Hebrew government and worship, and 10 11 WHEREAS, torn by conflict during the centuries that 12 followed, and falling to the rule of diverse peoples and 13 cultures, nevertheless Jerusalem has been consistently viewed as a holy city by members of different religious faiths, and 14 WHEREAS, although officially designated the capital of 15 the modern State of Israel in 1950, Jerusalem was a divided 16 city from 1948 until 1967, when it was again united under 17 Israeli rule, and persons of all religious faiths were granted 18 19 full access to its holy sites, and 20 WHEREAS, the City of Jerusalem is the seat of Israel's 21 President, Parliament, and Supreme Court, and the site of 22 numerous government ministries and social and cultural 23 institutions, and WHEREAS, acknowledging that each sovereign nation, 24 under international law and custom, may designate its own 25 26 capital, the United States Congress overwhelmingly passed the 27 Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Act of 1995, marking the first 28 time the policy of this nation recognized Jerusalem as the undivided Capital of Israel and determining that the United 29 States Embassy be established in Jerusalem no later than May 30 1999, and 31

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WHEREAS, the United States conducts official meetings and other business in Jerusalem in de facto recognition of its status as the Capital of Israel; however, the United States Embassy remains in Tel Aviv to this day, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: That the President of the United States be urged to immediately initiate the relocation of the United States Embassy in the State of Israel from Tel Aviv to the City of Jerusalem. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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