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59 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the 60 Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the 61 proper authorities of the State of Israel as a tangible token of 62 the sentiments expressed herein.

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