

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the historical, religious,
3 and cultural importance of Jerusalem, supporting the
4 recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and
5 the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel
6 to Jerusalem, and applauding the Federal Government
7 for recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.
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9 WHEREAS, for over 3,000 years, Jerusalem has played a
10 central role in the history and identity of the Jewish people,
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12 WHEREAS, Jerusalem is the location of the holiest site for
13 the Jewish people, the Temple Mount, as well as the Western
14 Wall, where people from around the world come to pray, and

15 WHEREAS, Jerusalem has been a Christian pilgrimage site for
16 over 2,000 years, and holds considerable religious significance
17 for Christians, and

18 WHEREAS, Jerusalem is home to the third holiest site in
19 Islam, and holds considerable religious significance for
20 Muslims, and

21 WHEREAS, Jerusalem serves as a cultural and religious
22 inspiration to billions of people around the world, and

23 WHEREAS, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and
24 Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has passed a series of anti-
25 Israel resolutions in recent years regarding Jerusalem, and

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26 WHEREAS, these biased resolutions are attempts to erase or
27 minimize Jewish and Christian historical and religious ties to
28 Jerusalem and unjustly single out our close ally Israel with
29 false accusations and criticism, and

30 WHEREAS, numerous archeological excavations, such as those
31 taking place in the City of David, Israel's most
32 archaeologically excavated site, have uncovered a myriad of
33 antiquities which scientifically reaffirm Jerusalem's historical
34 significance to Judaism and Christianity, and

35 WHEREAS, the City of David is believed to be the site
36 recorded in the Bible upon which King David established the
37 capital of ancient Israel, and

38 WHEREAS, since 1867, international delegations of
39 archaeologists from the United States, England, France, and
40 Germany have conducted excavations of the City of David, and

41 WHEREAS, these excavations have unearthed antiquities from
42 over 10 different civilizations, including Canaanite, Israelite,
43 Roman, Byzantine, and Persian, and

44 WHEREAS, the current excavations of the City of David are
45 conducted under the auspices of the Israel Antiquities
46 Authority, and held to the highest scientific standards, and

47 WHEREAS, among the most significant archaeological
48 discoveries unearthed from the City of David are the Siloam
49 Inscription (8th century B.C.E.), which recounts the
50 preparations made by King Hezekiah of Judah for the impending

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51 Assyrian siege against Jerusalem, consistent with the biblical
52 account from 2 Kings; clay seal impressions/bullae (6th century
53 B.C.E.) bearing the names of two Judean government officials who
54 are mentioned in Jeremiah 38:1; the Pool of Siloam (1st century
55 B.C.E.), which, during the Second Temple period, served as a
56 ritual bath for the hundreds of thousands of Jewish pilgrims
57 ascending annually to the temple atop the Temple Mount; and the
58 Second Temple Pilgrimage Road (1st century C.E.), which began at
59 the Pool of Siloam and served as the main thoroughfare of Second
60 Temple period Jerusalem, carrying hundreds of thousands of
61 people on their annual pilgrimages to the temple, and

62 WHEREAS, the Pilgrimage Road located within the City of
63 David, which stretches 600 meters from the Pool of Siloam to the
64 footsteps of the Western Wall, will be open to visitors upon
65 completion of excavation, and

66 WHEREAS, these discoveries affirm the undeniable truth that
67 the City of David, the Western Wall, and the Temple Mount are
68 inextricably linked together, physically, historically, and
69 symbolically, as the bedrock of the connection between the
70 Jewish people and Jerusalem and have been for millennia, and

71 WHEREAS, these discoveries further affirm the importance of
72 Jerusalem within Israel, such that Jerusalem should be
73 rightfully recognized as the capital of Israel and the United
74 States Embassy in Israel should be relocated to Jerusalem, and

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75 WHEREAS, the Federal Government has recently recognized
76 Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel and plans to
77 relocate the United States Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to
78 Jerusalem, NOW, THEREFORE,

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80 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
81 Florida:

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83 That the State of Florida recognizes the historical,
84 religious, and cultural importance of Jerusalem and supports
85 both the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of
86 Israel and the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel
87 from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Furthermore, the State of Florida
88 supports and applauds the recent action taken by the Federal
89 Government to recognize Jerusalem as the undivided capital of
90 Israel.