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# H. CON. RES. 5

Supporting the reunification of Jerusalem.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina submitted the following concurrent resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the reunification of Jerusalem.

Whereas for 3,000 years Jerusalem has been the focal point of Jewish religious devotion;

Whereas there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Jerusalem for three millennia and a Jewish majority in the city since the 1840s;

Whereas the once thriving Jewish majority of the historic Old City of Jerusalem was driven out by force during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War;

Whereas, from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city, and Israeli citizens of all faiths, as well as Jewish citizens of all states, were denied access to holy sites in the area controlled by Jordan;

Whereas, in 1967, Jerusalem was reunited by Israel during the conflict known as the Six Day War;

Whereas, since 1967, Jerusalem has been a united city, and persons of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city;

Whereas Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city, in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas each sovereign country, under international law and custom, has the right to designate its own capital;

Whereas Jerusalem is the seat of the Government of Israel, including the President, Parliament, and the Supreme Court;

Whereas the United States maintains its embassy in the functioning capital of every country except in the case of Israel, a friend and strategic ally of the United States;

Whereas the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), which became law on November 8, 1995, states as a matter of United States policy that Jerusalem should remain the undivided capital of Israel; and

Whereas the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228) directs that the Secretary of State shall, upon the request of a citizen or a citizen’s legal guardian, record the place of birth of a United States citizen born in the city of Jerusalem as Israel: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) reaffirms to the residents of Jerusalem and  
4            the people of Israel the importance of the reunifica-  
5            tion of that historic city;

1           (2) strongly believes that Jerusalem must re-  
2           main an undivided city in which the rights of every  
3           ethnic and religious group are protected as they  
4           have been by Israel;

5           (3) calls upon the President and Secretary of  
6           State to repeatedly affirm publicly, as a matter of  
7           United States policy, that Jerusalem must remain  
8           the undivided capital of the State of Israel;

9           (4) strongly urges the President to discontinue  
10          the waiver contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act  
11          of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), immediately imple-  
12          ment the provisions of that Act, and begin the proc-  
13          ess of relocating the United States Embassy in  
14          Israel to Jerusalem;

15          (5) further urges United States officials to re-  
16          frain from any actions that contradict United States  
17          law on this subject; and

18          (6) reaffirms Israel’s right to take necessary  
19          steps to prevent any future division of Jerusalem.

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