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H. CON. RES. 412

Commemorating the thirty-ninth anniversary of the reunification of the city
of Jerusalem.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. POMBO, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. ACKERMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the thirty-ninth anniversary of the
reunification of the city of Jerusalem.

Whereas for 3,000 years Jerusalem has been Judaism's holiest city and the focal point of Jewish religious devotion;

Whereas Jerusalem is also considered a holy city by members of other religious faiths;

Whereas, from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city and Israeli citizens of all faiths, as well as Jewish citizens of all countries, were denied access to certain holy sites;

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 this year marks the thirty-ninth year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas, in 1990, the United States Senate and House of Representatives overwhelmingly adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 and House Concurrent Resolution 290 declaring that Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, “must remain an undivided city” and calling on Israel and the Palestinians to undertake negotiations to resolve their differences;

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 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;

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; 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) congratulates the residents of Jerusalem
4 and the people of Israel on the thirty-ninth anniver-
5 sary of the reunification of that historic city;

6 (2) strongly believes that Jerusalem must re-
7 main an undivided city in which the rights of every
8 ethnic and religious group are protected as they
9 have been by Israel during the past 39 years;

10 (3) calls upon the President and Secretary of
11 State to publicly affirm as a matter of United States
12 policy that Jerusalem must remain the undivided
13 capital of the State of Israel;

14 (4) strongly urges the President to discontinue
15 the waiver contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act
16 of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), immediately imple-
17 ment the provisions of that Act, and begin the proc-
18 ess of relocating the United States Embassy in
19 Israel to Jerusalem; and

20 (5) further urges United States officials to re-
21 frain from any actions that contradict United States
22 law on this subject.

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