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Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. NELSON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

Whereas June 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War and the reunification of the city of Jerusalem;

Whereas there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Jerusalem for 3 millennia;

Whereas Jerusalem is a holy city and the home for people of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths;

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

Whereas, from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city, and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jews of all na-

tionalities were denied access to holy sites in eastern Jerusalem, including the Old City, in which the Western Wall is located;

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 access to holy sites within the city;

Whereas this year marks the 50th year that Jerusalem has been administered as a united city in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), which became law on November 8, 1995, states that Jerusalem should remain the undivided capital of Israel in which the rights of every ethnic and religious group are protected; and

Whereas it is the longstanding policy of the United States Government that a just resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only be achieved through direct, bilateral negotiations without preconditions for a sustainable two-state solution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the re-
3 unification of Jerusalem and extends its friendship
4 and hopes for peace to the residents of Jerusalem
5 and the people of Israel;

6 (2) reaffirms its support for Israel’s commit-
7 ment to religious freedom and administration of holy
8 sites in Jerusalem;

1 (3) continues to support strengthening the mu-
2 tually beneficial American-Israeli relationship;

3 (4) commends Egypt and Jordan, former com-
4 batant states of the Six Day War, who in subse-
5 quent years embraced a vision of peace and coexist-
6 ence with Israel and have continued to uphold their
7 respective peace agreements;

8 (5) reaffirms that it is the longstanding, bipar-
9 tisan policy of the United States Government that
10 the permanent status of Jerusalem remains a matter
11 to be decided between the parties through final sta-
12 tus negotiations towards a two-state solution; and

13 (6) reaffirms the Jerusalem Embassy Act of
14 1995 (Public Law 104–45) as United States law,
15 and calls upon the President and all United States
16 officials to abide by its provisions.

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