A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, Ohio is Israel's twenty-eighth largest trading partner and nearly one hundred fifty thousand Ohio residents are of the Jewish faith; and

WHEREAS, Ohio holds more Israeli bonds than any other governmental entity in the world; and

WHEREAS, Archaeological digs have uncovered Jewish heritage inside Jerusalem and across the land of Israel dating back to at least three thousand years ago; and

WHEREAS, The government of Israel retained sovereign control over the entire city of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967; and

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, but after 1967, Jerusalem has been a united city administered by Israel, and persons of all religious
faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the
city; and

WHEREAS, Jerusalem is the residence of the Knesset, the
Supreme Court, the Prime Minister, the National Bank, and other
federal government buildings, and recognizing Jerusalem as the
capital of the State of Israel would provide for efficacy of
diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, Each sovereign nation under international law and
custom may designate its own capital, and furthermore, the
United States of America maintains its embassy in the
functioning capital of every country except in the case of our
democratic friend and strategic ally, the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, On October 24, 1995, the 104th United States
Congress passed the bipartisan Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995
which was overwhelmingly adopted by the Senate (93-5) and the
House of Representatives (374-37), which recognized Jerusalem as
the capital of Israel and ordered the relocation of the United
States embassy to Jerusalem by no later than May 31, 1999; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2017, United States Senate Resolution
167 relating to the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of
Israel and the relocation of the United States embassy to
Jerusalem passed by a unanimous 90-0 vote; and

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2017, the President of the United
States of America officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital
of the State of Israel; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this concurrent
resolution, honor this auspicious occasion and formally
recognize the city of Jerusalem as the official capital of the
State of Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of Ohio, to the President of the United States, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Chancellor of Higher Education and each of the nine members of the Ohio Board of Regents, to the provosts and chairpersons of the boards of trustees of all Ohio public and private colleges and universities, and to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel.