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Committee**

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**H. C. R. No. 26**

**Representatives Faber, Keller**

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Antani, Sprague, Thompson, Ginter, Sweeney, Retherford, Johnson, Merrin,  
Young, Zeltwanger**

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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the 1  
State of Israel. 2

**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 3  
partner and nearly one hundred fifty thousand Ohio residents are 4  
of the Jewish faith; and 5

WHEREAS, Ohio holds more Israeli bonds than any other 6  
governmental entity in the world; and 7

WHEREAS, Archaeological digs have uncovered Jewish heritage 8  
inside Jerusalem and across the land of Israel dating back to at 9  
least three thousand years ago; and 10

WHEREAS, The government of Israel retained sovereign 11  
control over the entire city of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967; and 12

WHEREAS, From 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was a divided city 13  
and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jewish citizens of 14

all states were denied access to holy sites in the area 15  
controlled by Jordan, but after 1967, Jerusalem has been a 16  
united city administered by Israel, and persons of all religious 17  
faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the 18  
city; and 19

WHEREAS, Jerusalem is the residence of the Knesset, the 20  
Supreme Court, the Prime Minister, the National Bank, and other 21  
federal government buildings, and recognizing Jerusalem as the 22  
capital of the State of Israel would provide for efficacy of 23  
diplomacy; and 24

WHEREAS, Each sovereign nation under international law and 25  
custom may designate its own capital, and furthermore, the 26  
United States of America maintains its embassy in the 27  
functioning capital of every country except in the case of our 28  
democratic friend and strategic ally, the State of Israel; and 29

WHEREAS, On October 24, 1995, the 104th United States 30  
Congress passed the bipartisan Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 31  
which was overwhelmingly adopted by the Senate (93-5) and the 32  
House of Representatives (374-37), which recognized Jerusalem as 33  
the capital of Israel and ordered the relocation of the United 34  
States embassy to Jerusalem by no later than May 31, 1999; and 35

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2017, United States Senate Resolution 36  
167 relating to the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of 37  
Israel and the relocation of the United States embassy to 38  
Jerusalem passed by a unanimous 90-0 vote; and 39

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2017, the President of the United 40  
States of America officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital 41  
of the State of Israel; now therefore be it 42

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 43  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this concurrent 44  
resolution, honor this auspicious occasion and formally 45

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recognize the city of Jerusalem as the official capital of the 46  
State of Israel; and be it further 47

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 48  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 49  
news media of Ohio, to the President of the United States, to 50  
the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 51  
Representatives, to the President and Secretary of the United 52  
States Senate, to the Chancellor of Higher Education and each of 53  
the nine members of the Ohio Board of Regents, to the provosts 54  
and chairpersons of the boards of trustees of all Ohio public 55  
and private colleges and universities, and to the Israeli 56  
Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper 57  
authorities in the State of Israel. 58