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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Reunification of the 2 City of Jerusalem.
- 3 WHEREAS, June 7, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of the
- 4 Reunification of the City of Jerusalem during the Six Day War;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, For the Jewish people, the City of Jerusalem is the
- 7 historical and spiritual center of the nation of Israel; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Jerusalem is the eternal indivisible capital of the
- 9 State of Israel; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Jerusalem, one of the world's most ancient cities,
- 11 has endured being captured, recaptured, besieged and fought over
- 12 for more than 4,000 years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Some of the fiercest battles of Israel's War of
- 14 Independence were fought over the City of Jerusalem; and
- 15 WHEREAS, While many perceive the War of Independence as a
- 16 victory for Israel, for Jews the victory was tarnished because
- 17 the Old City of Jerusalem was lost, and for the next 19 years
- 18 remained divided; and

- 1 WHEREAS, In June of 1967, the beleaguered State of Israel
- 2 prevailed over its Arab adversaries who so greatly outnumbered
- 3 them in the Six Day War; and
- WHEREAS, On June 7, 1967, the third day of the Six Day War,
- 5 soldiers of Israel's Defense Forces entered the Old City of
- 6 Jerusalem, which over the centuries has come to symbolize the
- 7 love of the Jewish people for their ancient homeland, and
- 8 reunited it, making it once again an integral part of the Jewish
- 9 State; therefore be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 50th anniversary of
- 11 the Reunification of the City of Jerusalem, and join the
- 12 residents of this Commonwealth in sharing with the people of
- 13 Israel and of all nations the fervent hope and profound desire
- 14 for an enduring peace.