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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE JERUSALEM  
3 EMBASSY ACT OF 1995, AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF RELOCATING THE  
4 UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN ISRAEL TO JERUSALEM.

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of one of our nation's closest  
6 allies, the Congress of the United States passed the "Jerusalem  
7 Embassy Act of 1995," which would require the United States to  
8 recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel and  
9 locate the United States Embassy in Israel in the city no later  
10 than May 31, 1999; and

11 WHEREAS, as part of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995,  
12 Congress authorized the President of the United States to suspend  
13 the requirement to locate the embassy in Jerusalem if the  
14 President determines that such suspension is necessary to protect  
15 the national security interests of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, since the act's passage, every President has used  
17 his waiver authority and suspended the relocation requirement; and

18 WHEREAS, as Congress found in the act, this Legislature finds  
19 that Jerusalem should remain an undivided city in which the rights



20 of every ethnic and religious group are protected as they have  
21 been by Israel since 1967 and that Jerusalem should be recognized  
22 as the capital of the State of Israel; and

23 WHEREAS, the City of Jerusalem is the spiritual center of  
24 Judaism, and is also considered a holy city by the members of  
25 other religious faiths; and

26 WHEREAS, each sovereign nation, under international law and  
27 custom, has the authority to designate its own capital, and since  
28 1950, the city of Jerusalem has been the capital of the State of  
29 Israel:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
32 THEREIN, That we do hereby urge the President of the United  
33 States, to immediately implement the provisions of the Jerusalem  
34 Embassy Act of 1995, and begin the process of relocating the  
35 United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be  
37 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

