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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM AS AN INDEPENDENT CITY

- 30 WHEREAS: Jerusalem is considered a holy city by Judaism, Islam, and Christianity; and,
- 40 WHEREAS: The citizens of the United States of America, being overwhelmingly Jewish,
50 Muslim, and Christian, have a compelling interest in the current state of affairs
60 of Jerusalem; and,
- 70 WHEREAS: a key sticking point in the negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis
80 is the status of Jerusalem; and,
- 90 WHEREAS: the nation of Israel currently holds the official position that the city of Jerusalem,
100 whole and undivided, is the sovereign capital of the nation of Israel; and,
- 110 WHEREAS: Israel was founded to provide a homeland for the Jewish people; and,
- 120 WHEREAS: Israel could still serve as the homeland of the Jewish people while not
130 maintaining sole control of the city of Jerusalem; and,
- 140 WHEREAS: if Jerusalem were established as an independent and open city, this would
150 facilitate the Middle East peace process and stop the mutual hatred, murder, and
160 violence between Palestinians and Israelis.
- 170 THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the governments
180 of the United States of America, the State of Israel, and the Palestinian National
190 Authority, as well as all member governments of the United Nations, to consider
200 and promote the establishment of Jerusalem as an independent and
210 internationally recognized city.
- 220 MANDATES: William Clinton, President, United States of America
230 Albert Gore, Vice-President, United States of America
240 Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, United Nations
250 Yasser Arafat, President, Palestinian National Authority
260 Ehud Barak, Prime Minister, State of Israel
270 Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State, United States of America

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