

Alabama-Israel Task Force

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The Vision - Bridges and Brotherhood

Mission - The Alabama-Israel Task Force (AITF) seeks to provide a **bridge** and catalyst for **broader** cooperative efforts and help cultivate an even **stronger** and expanding state-to-state **relationship** between Alabama and Israel for the **mutual benefit** of their people.



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Alabama Recognizes Jerusalem as the Eternal Undivided Capital of Israel and Affirms U.S. Embassy Move in Historic Resolution

April 23, 2019 (Montgomery, AL) – Carrying on a very special legacy, the state of Alabama led the nation with a **deeply meaningful** gesture as the anniversary of Israel’s Independence approaches. Alabama **recognized** Jerusalem as the “eternal undivided” capital of Israel and **affirmed** the U.S. Embassy move in a **historic joint resolution** (Act 66, SJR 27, 2019 Regular Session). It originated from the same legislative body that - over 75 years ago, in the midst of World War II – formally called for the recognition of the Jewish state and homeland through a unanimous joint resolution five years before Israel was reborn as a nation (Act 144, SJR 4, 1943 Regular Session).

Among other, the resolution highlights **Jerusalem** has never been the capital of any other sovereign nation, Israel’s right under international law and custom to designate its own capital, Jerusalem’s imposed division and later **reunification** that made whole again the nation’s historic capital, and the **overwhelming bipartisan support** of the Jerusalem Embassy Act that has been encoded in U.S. law for **over two decades** that included Jerusalem’s recognition as capital and required the embassy move.

It is **significant** that while Israel recognizes Jerusalem as its *eternal undivided capital*, and many of Israel’s closest friends and allies refer to Jerusalem often in the same way, this is the first formal recognition that does so. All three words are disputed. All three words are included with specific purpose and intent. So it is notable that the Alabama recognition **bears witness** in such an unequivocal, unwavering, and undeniable way when so many disparage, dispute, malign, and demonize our closest ally in the Middle East.

For many the **timing** is also especially meaningful as the resolution (SJR27) passed the Alabama Legislature just days before the biblical **Passover** began, one of the holiest seasons of the year for both Jews and Christians in Alabama, Israel, and around the world. The Alabama Governor signed it several days later on the morning of Tuesday April 23rd, during the very week of Passover, and just two weeks before the **anniversary** of Israel’s Independence (Yom Haatzmaut) also the anniversary of the U.S. Embassy opening in Jerusalem.

Reference Resolution Text (SJR27):

- (IMG) - <https://tinyurl.com/AL-ACT66-SJR27-2019RS-IMG>
- (PDF) - <https://tinyurl.com/AL-ACT66-SJR27-2019RS-PDF>
- (HTML) - <https://tinyurl.com/AL-ACT66-SJR27-2019RS-HTML>

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