



May 20, 2019

The Honorable Arthur Orr
Senator State of Alabama
Alabama State House
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36130-4600

Dear Senator Orr,

On behalf of Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer, and the people of the State of Israel, I would like to extend our deep gratitude to you, the Alabama Legislature, and the State of Alabama for your strong and unequivocal support as expressed through the historic resolution SJR27 – formally recognizing Jerusalem as the eternal undivided capital of Israel, and affirming the U.S. Embassy move.

Just a few weeks ago, on Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), Israel commemorated the millions of victims from those dark and tragic times, but Israel also remembers moments that shined as a light. For instance, when so many were silent, Alabama passed a unanimous joint resolution in 1943 formally calling for the establishment of the Jewish State and homeland.

Now, once again, when so many are silent, Alabama has passed a joint resolution formally recognizing Jerusalem as the eternal undivided capital of Israel. Thank you to the State of Alabama and its leaders for the support in 1943 and again now for your support recognizing Jerusalem. Your unwavering friendship for over 75 years is truly appreciated.

May we continue to explore together opportunities for even deeper ties, expanding cooperation, and new partnerships for the mutual benefit of Alabama, Israel, the United States, and the world.

With best regards,

Lior Haiat
Consul General of Israel in Miami