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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE JERUSALEM PROJECT AND  
EXTENDING EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE FOR A CONTINUUM OF PEACEFUL  
INTERACTION, COOPERATION, AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PEOPLES  
AND THE NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

1           WHEREAS, following the conclusion of the Second World War,  
2 including the Holocaust, the General Assembly of the United  
3 Nations passed Resolution 181, which attempted to resolve the  
4 Arab-Israeli conflict in the British mandate of Palestine by  
5 partitioning the territory of Palestine into two states, a  
6 Jewish state and an Arab state; and

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8           WHEREAS, based on Resolution 181, the land allocated to the  
9 proposed Arab state consisted of all of the highlands, except  
10 Jerusalem, plus one third of the coastline, amounting to forty-  
11 three per cent of Mandatory Palestine; and

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13           WHEREAS, the land allotted to the proposed Jewish state  
14 consisted of the lowland plains, amounting to fifty-six per cent  
15 of Mandatory Palestine; and

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17           WHEREAS, the greater Jerusalem area, under the provisions  
18 of Resolution 181, was designated to be under international  
19 control; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Jewish Agency, as well as the majority of  
22 Jewish organizations and individuals accepted the United  
23 Nation's proposal, but regional Arab leadership strongly opposed  
24 the plan due to concerns about Jewish self-determination and the  
25 quantity and quality of land given to the Jews in the proposed  
26 plan; and

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28           WHEREAS, shortly after the ratification of Resolution 181,  
29 the Arab Higher Committee declared a three-day strike and public  
30 protest to begin on December 2, 1947, in protest of the



1 Resolution 181, resulting in what became known as the "Jerusalem  
2 riots," in which for three days, Arabs attacked the commercial  
3 center of Jerusalem, burning numerous buildings and shops; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the riots of Jerusalem soon evolved into  
6 widespread fighting between local, indigenous Arabs and Jews,  
7 and;  
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9 WHEREAS, the State of Israel was proclaimed on May 14,  
10 1948, and;  
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12 WHEREAS, immediately following the State of Israel's  
13 establishment, Israel's Arab neighbors - Egypt, Iraq, Jordan,  
14 Syria, and Lebanon - simultaneously declared war on Israel and  
15 launched an all out, omnidirectional attack on the Jewish state,  
16 in what has now become known by historians as the 1948 War of  
17 Independence; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Israel's invaders broadcasted radio messages  
20 inciting Palestinian Arabs to join in the fight with invading  
21 forces, under the promise that, once defeated, Israel's  
22 territories would be given to them; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Israel successfully repulsed the invading armies,  
25 and the Palestinian Arabs who rose up against Israel were  
26 internally displaced, creating a massive refugee crisis; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the invading nations who had initially incited the  
29 Palestinian Arabs to fight against Israel, later rejected the  
30 thousands of refugees who flocked to their borders following the  
31 end of the War of Independence; and  
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33 WHEREAS, decades of war, conflict, insurgency, and strained  
34 diplomatic relations have existed between the State of Israel  
35 and her neighboring states since the War of Independence in  
36 1948; and  
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38 WHEREAS, the ongoing Arab-Israeli conflict and global war  
39 on terrorism has discouraged persons worldwide, and especially  
40 from the State of Hawaii, from traveling to Jerusalem and other  
41 sites revered as holy by many faiths; and  
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43 WHEREAS, the mission of the Jerusalem Project is to build  
44 The Creator's House, a place of worship in Jerusalem where



1 peacemakers of all nations may gather together in goodwill,  
2 forgiveness, and aloha; and  
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4 WHEREAS, a delegation representing the Jerusalem Project  
5 will soon travel from Honolulu for Damascus, Syria, to increase  
6 awareness and promote the construction of The Creator's House;  
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9 WHEREAS, representatives of the Jerusalem Project plan to  
10 make presentations to local neighborhood boards, seeking their  
11 advice and support; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
15 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
16 strongly supports the efforts of the Jerusalem Project to  
17 facilitate unity and forgiveness through efforts such as The  
18 Creator's House, and extends expressions of hope for a continuum  
19 of peaceful interaction, cooperation, and dialogue between the  
20 peoples and nations of the Middle East; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
24 President of the United States, the President of the General  
25 Assembly of the United Nations, the Prime Minister of the State  
26 of Israel, the Secretary-General of the Arab League, and the  
27 Director of the Jerusalem Project.  
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