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WHEREAS, the Six Day War was fought from June 5, 1967 - June 10, 1967; and
WHEREAS, in six days of war, Israel defeated those forces seeking its destruction and reunited the city of Jerusalem; and
WHEREAS, Jerusalem has been the focal point of Jewish religious devotion and the site of a continuous Jewish presence for over three millennia and is also a holy city for the Christian and Muslim faiths; and
WHEREAS, from 1948 to 1967 Jerusalem was a divided city, and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jews of all nationalities were denied access to holy sites in eastern Jerusalem, including the Old City, in which the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are located; and
WHEREAS, this year marks the 45th year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city in which the rights of all faiths have been respected; and
WHEREAS, the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 [<javascript:simplePopup\('displaylawcard.do?lawNumber=45&congress=104&type=law&session=1','billCard',680,430\);>](javascript:simplePopup('displaylawcard.do?lawNumber=45&congress=104&type=law&session=1','billCard',680,430);>) (Public Law 104-45 [<javascript:simplePopup\('displaylawcard.do?lawNumber=45&congress=104','billCard',680,430\);>](javascript:simplePopup('displaylawcard.do?lawNumber=45&congress=104','billCard',680,430);>)), which became law on November 8, 1995, states as a matter of United States policy that Jerusalem should remain the undivided capital of Israel; and
WHEREAS, it is the policy of the United States to support a peaceful, two-state solution to end the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the citizens of Israel on the 45th anniversary of the Six Day War and further congratulates the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the 45th anniversary of the reunification of that historic city; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends those former combatant states of the Six Day War, Egypt and Jordan, who in subsequent years had the wisdom and courage to embrace a vision of peace and coexistence with Israel and commends Israel for its administration of the undivided city of Jerusalem for the past 40 years, during which Israel has respected the rights of all religious groups.