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Resolution commemorating the reunification of the City of Jerusalem on Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, June 2, 2000.

By The Speaker (Council Member Vallone) and Council Members Fisher, Berman, Eisland, Clarke, Dear, DiBrienza, Freed, The Public Advocate (Mr. Green), Henry, Lasher, Leffler, McCaffrey, Michels, Nelson, Povman, Provenzano, Quinn, Rivera, Robles, Abel, Golden and Stabile

Whereas, Fifty years ago, the creation of the State of Israel ushered in an era of new hope for the Jewish people, who had just suffered the atrocities of a devastating genocidal pogrom, but for nineteen years, between 1948 and 1967, Jerusalem was a city divided by concrete walls and barbed wire; and

Whereas, During the Davidic dynasty which spanned from 1000 B.C.E. to 586 B.C.E., and the Second Temple Period, Jerusalem was the capital of the great Jewish state, but in 70 C.E., the country was conquered by the Romans and Jerusalem was burnt to the ground; and

Whereas, During times of tragedy and times of joy and throughout the entire Diaspora, the Jewish people have always regarded Jerusalem to be the holiest of cities and with the re-establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the historical, spiritual and symbolic Jewish capital was restored to glory as the capital of a sovereign Jewish state; and

Whereas, Jerusalem itself, which holds some of the great treasures of Christianity and Islam as well as Judaism, remained divided for almost two decades, until in 1967, the holy city became unified under the banner of the State of Israel; for Jews, the city itself is holy and plays a pivotal role in Judaic history, thought and law; and

Whereas, Jerusalem is one of the world's most exciting cities; both ancient and modern, it stands as a testament to the struggle of the Jewish people and is the site to which worshippers of the three Judeo-Christian religions flock throughout the year; and

Whereas, Jerusalem Day is a commemoration of the reunification of the great City of Jerusalem and a day when we are all reminded of its past and present glory; and

Whereas, As we look to the future, Jerusalem should remain unified, undivided and under the full protection and jurisdiction of the State of Israel; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem on Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, June 2, 2000.

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