

# Speaker Ryan: Statement on recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel

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WASHINGTON—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued the following statement on the Trump administration's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel:

"This is a day that is long overdue. Jerusalem has been, and always will be, the eternal, undivided capital of the State of Israel. The city's status as the religious epicenter of Judaism is an historical fact—not a matter of debate. Today's announcement is a recognition of reality that in no way inhibits efforts to reach a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians. I commend President Trump for taking this important action, and for exploring next steps to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem."