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H. R. 5327

To authorize assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2010

Mr. NYE (for himself, Ms. GIFFORDS, Mr. MCMAHON, Mr. HIMES, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. KOSMAS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. TURNER, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Israel
5 Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The State of Israel is under grave threat
9 and frequent attack from missiles fired indiscrimi-

1 nately by Hamas terrorists on its southern border
2 and Hezbollah terrorists on its northern border.

3 (2) The Jewish State of Israel, as a close ally
4 of the United States, requires and deserves all nec-
5 essary assistance to defend itself from such indis-
6 criminate attacks on its citizens.

7 (3) The United States remains committed to
8 Israel's qualitative military edge, including its ad-
9 vantage over non-state actors such as Hezbollah and
10 Hamas, which boast increasingly sophisticated and
11 powerful weapons as a result of support from Iran
12 and other state actors.

13 (4) Regional stability and lasting peace between
14 Israelis and Palestinians requires that Israel can en-
15 sure the safety of its population against missile and
16 other threats.

17 (5) The United States can help to advance the
18 cause of peace by supporting Israel's ability to de-
19 fend itself against missile and other threats.

20 (6) The State of Israel announced in January
21 2010 the successful testing of its Iron Dome anti-
22 missile defense system which is capable of inter-
23 cepting short-range missiles launched by militants in
24 Gaza and South Lebanon.

1 (7) In the face of threats from its neighbors
2 and non-state actors, Israel historically has re-
3 quested it be given the means to defend itself, by
4 itself.

5 (8) President Barack Obama has stated: “Our
6 commitment to Israel’s security is unshakable.”.

7 (9) Vice President Joe Biden has stated:
8 “From my experience, the one precondition for
9 progress is that the rest of the world knows this—
10 there is no space between the U.S. and Israel when
11 it comes to security—none.”.

12 (10) Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has
13 stated: “President Obama has affirmed, the United
14 States commitment to Israel’s security is
15 unshakable, and our defense relationship is stronger
16 than ever, to the mutual benefit of both nations.”.

17 (11) President Obama recently requested funds
18 to help the State of Israel procure and maintain
19 Iron Dome missile batteries.

20 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR**
21 **IRON DOME ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.**

22 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-
23 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide
24 assistance to the Government of Israel for the procure-
25 ment, maintenance, and sustainment of the Iron Dome

- 1 anti-missile defense system for purposes of intercepting
- 2 short-range missiles launched against Israel.

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