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S. RES. 5

Expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MORAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel.

Whereas Israel is a strategic international partner and democratic ally of the United States;

Whereas cooperation between Israel and the United States is of great importance, especially amid a troubling security situation in the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe;

Whereas strong relations between the United States and Israel benefit both countries and the prospects for regional stability;

Whereas peace between the Israelis and Palestinians remains of strategic interest to the United States;

Whereas support for Israel and peace between the Israelis and Palestinians have long standing bipartisan support in Congress;

Whereas a bipartisan majority of the United States Senate in 2016 requested that the President maintain a policy of opposing one-sided United Nations Security Council resolutions targeting Israel;

Whereas, on December 23, 2016, the President and his delegates at the United Nations departed from congressional directives and past United States policy by declining to use United States veto power during a vote on a United Nations Security Council resolution unfairly targeting Israel;

Whereas Congress has a constitutional role in determining the laws and foreign policy of the United States; and

Whereas the commencement of the 115th Congress and the inauguration of a new President create opportunities to improve relations between the United States and Israel:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) urges the President and the international
3 community to join in supporting bilateral talks be-
4 tween the Israelis and Palestinians;

5 (2) expresses support for individuals and orga-
6 nizations working to bring about peace and coopera-
7 tion between the Israelis and Palestinians;

8 (3) opposes the use of the United Nations as a
9 medium to unfairly impose external remedies to
10 challenges between the Israelis and Palestinians;

11 (4) objects to the December 2016 abstention
12 and declination to veto United Nations Security

1 Council Resolution 2334 by delegates of the United
2 States at the United Nations;

3 (5) regrets and seeks to reverse the negative
4 public criticism of Israel by United States diplomats;

5 (6) urges the President-elect to adopt a policy
6 of opposing and vetoing if necessary one-sided
7 United Nations Security Council resolutions tar-
8 geting Israel;

9 (7) rejects international efforts to delegitimize
10 Israel's right to exist;

11 (8) supports Israel's right to self-defense;

12 (9) condemns acts of terrorism and violence
13 targeted at Israeli civilians;

14 (10) reiterates that Palestinian political goals
15 will never be achieved through violence; and

16 (11) calls on all parties to return to negotia-
17 tions and without preconditions, as direct discus-
18 sions remain the best mechanism to end the Israeli-
19 Palestinian conflict.

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