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Welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address
to a joint session of Congress.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. LEE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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for his address to a joint session of Congress.

Whereas, since its founding in 1948, Israel has been a strong
and steadfast ally to the United States in the Middle
East, a region characterized by instability and violence;
Whereas the United States-Israel relationship is built on mu-
tual respect for common values, including a commitment

to democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, free-market principles, and ethnic and religious diversity;

Whereas the strong cultural, religious, and political ties shared by the United States and Israel help form a bond between our countries that should never be broken;

Whereas Israel continues to serve as a shining model of democratic values by regularly holding free and fair elections, promoting the free exchange of ideas, and vigorously exercising a form of democratic government that is fully representative of its citizens;

Whereas nations such as Iran and Syria, as well as designated foreign terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah and Hamas, refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist, continually call for its destruction, and have repeatedly attacked Israel either directly or through proxies;

Whereas, in particular, the Government of Iran's ongoing pursuit of nuclear weapons poses a tremendous threat both to the United States and Israel;

Whereas the negotiations between the so-called P5+1 countries and Iran over its illicit nuclear weapons program are entering a key phase, and Congress has heard the perspectives, both publicly and privately, of a number of close allies involved in the negotiations; and

Whereas the United States is committed to ensuring that Israel, as a strong and trusted ally, maintains its qualitative military edge: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) warmly welcomes the Prime Minister of

3 Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, on his visit to the

1 United States, which provides a timely opportunity
2 to reinforce the United States-Israel relationship;

3 (2) eagerly awaits the address of Prime Min-
4 ister Netanyahu before a joint session of the United
5 States Congress;

6 (3) reaffirms its commitment to stand with
7 Israel during times of uncertainty;

8 (4) continues to strongly support Israel's right
9 to defend itself from threats to its very survival; and

10 (5) reaffirms its unequivocal and bipartisan
11 support for the friendship between the people and
12 Governments of the United States and Israel.

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