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H. R. 3099

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2023

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AN ACT

To establish in the Department of State the position of Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Special Envoy for the
3 Abraham Accords Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that the policy of the United States,
6 as enacted in section 104 of the Israel Relations Normal-
7 ization Act of 2022 (division Z of Public Law 117–103),
8 with respect to the Abraham Accords remains unchanged.

9 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.**

10 Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act
11 of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding
12 at the end the following new section:

13 **“SEC. 64. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.**

14 “(a) SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM AC-
15 CORDS.—There is established within the Department of
16 State a Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords (in this
17 section referred to as the ‘Special Envoy’), who shall serve
18 as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts across,
19 the United States Government relating to expanding and
20 strengthening the Abraham Accords. The Special Envoy
21 shall report directly to the Secretary of State and shall
22 hold the office at the pleasure of the President.

23 “(b) NOMINATION.—Pursuant to subsection (j)(1) of
24 section 1, the Special Envoy shall be appointed by the
25 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
26 ate, and may be appointed from among the officers and

1 employees of the Department except that such officer or
2 employee may not retain the position (or the responsibil-
3 ities associated with the position) held by such officer or
4 employee prior to such appointment simultaneously with
5 the position or responsibilities of the Special Envoy.

6 “(c) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—The Spe-
7 cial Envoy shall have the rank and status of ambassador.

8 “(d) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall be respon-
9 sible for—

10 “(1) encouraging countries without diplomatic
11 relations with Israel to establish formal diplomatic,
12 economic, security, and people-to-people ties;

13 “(2) seeking to expand and strengthen existing
14 relationships between Israel and Muslim-majority
15 countries, including those outside the geographic
16 scope of the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the De-
17 partment of State, to ensure that all parties reap
18 tangible security and economic benefits for their citi-
19 zens;

20 “(3) building on existing efforts, including the
21 Negev Forum, to help foster enhanced cooperation
22 between Israel and Muslim-majority countries on
23 shared priorities including as relates to trade, agri-
24 culture, and water security;

1 “(4) providing diplomatic support for Israel’s
2 integration into cooperative efforts related to re-
3 gional security; and

4 “(5) coordinating lines of effort across the
5 United States Government, including the regional
6 and functional bureaus within the Department of
7 State, and conducting appropriate diplomatic en-
8 gagement with foreign governments, nongovern-
9 mental organizations, and other stakeholders deter-
10 mined appropriate by the Special Envoy in order to
11 expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords.

12 “(e) REPORT.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date of the confirmation of the first Special
15 Envoy appointed pursuant to this section, and annu-
16 ally thereafter, the Special Envoy shall submit to the
17 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on
18 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and
19 the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-
20 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate a report de-
21 scribing all United States efforts to expand the
22 Abraham Accords, including specific diplomatic en-
23 gagements and status of efforts with respect to spe-
24 cific countries.

1 “(2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required
2 by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
3 form but may contain a separate, classified annex.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 13, 2023.

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**
Clerk.