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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 2012

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Iron Dome Support
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The State of Israel remains vulnerable to
9 attack from missiles, rockets, and mortar shells fired
10 at Israeli civilian targets by militants from the for-

1 eign terrorist organization Hamas on its southern
2 border and by the foreign terrorist organization
3 Hezbollah on its northern border. Past attacks have
4 killed, wounded, or inflicted psychological trauma on
5 countless Israeli citizens.

6 (2) The United States Government remains
7 committed to ensuring the Government of Israel's
8 qualitative military edge, including maintaining its
9 advantage over non-state actors such as Hezbollah
10 and Hamas who possess increasingly sophisticated
11 and powerful weapons as a result of support from
12 Iran, Syria, and other state actors.

13 (3) The Israeli Defense Forces recently re-
14 ported that the Iron Dome anti-missile defense sys-
15 tem has achieved a success rate of more than 90
16 percent, intercepting rockets bound for residential
17 neighborhoods, busy road junctions, shopping cen-
18 ters, and crowded streets in southern Israel.

19 (4) The high success rate of the Iron Dome
20 anti-missile defense system has helped avert signifi-
21 cant Israeli casualties.

22 (5) The United States can help to advance its
23 own vital national security interests and the cause of
24 peace and stability in the Middle East by supporting

1 Israel's ability to defend itself against missiles, rock-
2 ets, and other threats.

3 (6) In 2010, President Barack Obama re-
4 quested funds to help the State of Israel procure
5 and maintain Iron Dome missile batteries. Congress
6 then provided funding for the purchase of up to 10
7 Iron Dome systems.

8 (7) The Government of Israel currently has
9 three operational Iron Dome batteries deployed in
10 the field, which are insufficient to protect all of the
11 territory of Israel.

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

14 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-
15 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide
16 assistance for the procurement, maintenance, and
17 sustainment of the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system
18 for purposes of intercepting short-range missiles launched
19 against Israel.

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