

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, March 20, 2010*

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 144, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, March 20, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I was not present in the Chamber yesterday afternoon to vote on rollcalls 144, 145, 146, and 147. I would have voted “yea” on each measure.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, March 20, 2010*

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 146, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

## ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, March 20, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reaffirm my support for Israel.

I was saddened to see the recent disagreement between our two nations spill out onto the front pages of newspapers around the world.

These headlines belie the close and vitally important relationship the United States and Israel enjoy, and will continue to enjoy.

And it is important for the world to know that we stand shoulder to shoulder.

Israel shares our democratic values. And they are forced to defend these values daily against countless in their neighborhood who would like to wipe Israel off the map.

The threat of rocket attacks is nearly constant for Israelis. I had the opportunity to visit Israel last year, and I witnessed firsthand some of the damage caused by rocket attacks by Hamas from Gaza. I am amazed at the determination of the Israelis to continue to lead normal lives despite the constant threats and reminders of terrorism. It was particularly evident during a trip to Sderot, at an indoor playground that also functions as a bomb shelter.

The threat from Iran is even more ominous. The Holocaust denials, the arms shipments to terrorists, the quest for nuclear weapons—to

say this is alarming would be an understatement.

These actions are not just a threat to Israel, they are a threat to the United States, and that is why I support strong sanctions against Iran.

That is also why I believe we are lucky to have a close ally like Israel in the region.

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**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, March 20, 2010*

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker on rollcall No. 147, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, March 20, 2010*

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 145, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

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