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# S. RES. 5

Expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel.

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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

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## 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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