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Congratulating Israel and Egypt on the 40th anniversary of the signing
of the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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of the signing of the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty.

Whereas Muhammad Anwar al-Sadat, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel, met with President Jimmy Carter at Camp David, Maryland, from September 5 to September 17, 1978;

Whereas these negotiations resulted in two agreements, known as the “Camp David Accords”, which were signed on September 17, 1978;

Whereas those accords provided a framework for peace between Israel and Egypt that stands as a landmark, ending a generation of war and violence;

Whereas the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty was signed on March 26, 1979, at the White House in Washington, DC, ending 31 years of war between the two nations;

Whereas the peace treaty was duly implemented, resulting in—

(1) the normalization of diplomatic and commercial ties between Egypt and Israel;

(2) the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Sinai Peninsula and the establishment of a demilitarized zone;

(3) the free passage of Israeli ships through the Suez Canal; and

(4) Egypt becoming the first Arab state to officially recognize Israel;

Whereas President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1978;

Whereas President Sadat was assassinated on October 6, 1981, by Khalid Islambouli, a member of Egyptian Islamic Jihad;

Whereas President Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002, in part for his vital contribution to the Camp David Accords and following peace process;

Whereas Congress, on December 4, 2018, passed legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to President Sadat;

Whereas the Camp David Accords and resulting peace treaty have proven to be an enduring achievement, furthering the interests of peace and stability in a volatile region of the world;

Whereas the United States has proudly supported the participants of this historic agreement over the last four decades of peace; and

Whereas March 26, 2019, marks the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Governments and people
3 of Israel and Egypt for 40 years of peace based on
4 the Camp David Accords;

5 (2) encourages the Governments of Egypt and
6 Israel to continue to serve as examples of honest
7 statesmanship and peacebuilding;

8 (3) commends the example set for the world in
9 seeking peaceful and long-lasting resolutions to con-
10 flict; and

11 (4) requests the President to issue a proclama-
12 tion to observe the anniversary with appropriate
13 ceremonies and programs.

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