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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas President Donald J. Trump, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, and other world leaders have worked tirelessly to announce agreements on the full normalization of relations between Israel and other nations;

Whereas the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Bahrain have been the first Arab states to announce formal relations with Israel;

Whereas, under the agreements, the two countries agree to the establishment of reciprocal embassies and the exchange of Ambassadors;

Whereas opening direct ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and between Israel and Bahrain could begin to transform the region by spurring economic growth, enhancing technological innovation, and forging closer people-to-people relations;

Whereas these agreements could promote investment, tourism, direct flights, security, telecommunications, technology, energy, healthcare, culture, and the environment;

Whereas the United States, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain share a commitment to promoting stability through diplomatic engagement, increased economic integration, and closer security coordination;

Whereas Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain will partner with the United States to launch a Strategic Agenda for the Middle East to expand diplomatic, trade, and security cooperation;

Whereas these historic agreements could help advance peace between Israel and other Arab nations;

Whereas these bilateral breakthroughs could set a precedent for further diplomatic openings throughout the region;

Whereas support for peace between Israel and its neighbors has longstanding bipartisan support in Congress and among the American people; and

Whereas the agreements build upon the decades-long leadership of the United States in helping Israel broker peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan and promoting peace talks between Israel and Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinians: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Governments and people
3 of Israel and the United Arab Emirates and the
4 Governments and people of Israel and Bahrain on
5 reaching their respective historic agreements;

6 (2) encourages other Arab nations to establish
7 full relations with Israel with the vision of realizing
8 full peace between Israel and all of its Arab neigh-
9 bors; and

10 (3) urges the President to continue to engage
11 with the Government of Israel and the United States
12 Arab partners in reaching these historic agreements.

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