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AIPAC APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF HOUSE RESOLUTION ON LEBANON

AIPAC President Howard Friedman and Executive Director Howard Kohr released the following statement regarding the passage of H. Res. 1017.

“AIPAC applauds yesterday’s passage of a bipartisan House resolution demanding the full implementation of the U.N. ceasefire agreement in Lebanon, including the disarmament of Hizballah, and reaffirming American support for Lebanese independence.

“The resolution, approved by a vote of 411-5, demands the full implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1701 and calls on the international community to ensure that Iran and Syria are not allowed to rearm Hizballah. It urges the Lebanese government to request an international force to patrol its border with Syria and commends Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora and his government for deploying the country's armed forces to the border with Israel.

“Israel's recent defensive actions against Hizballah exposed and seriously damaged Hizballah's capabilities. The conflict also shed light on Iran and Syria’s continued support for terrorism and efforts to undermine the stability of Lebanon and the entire region.

“If implemented, the U.N. ceasefire agreement will reduce Hizballah’s threat to Israel and increase Lebanese stability. The overwhelming passage of the H. Res. 1017 bolsters U.S. efforts to work with the international community to ensure that the critical elements of the agreement are fulfilled.

“AIPAC applauds the leadership of the resolution’s sponsors, Reps. Tom Lantos (D-CA), Henry Hyde (R-IL), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Gary Ackerman (D-NY), for their efforts to secure the passage of this important measure.”

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