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To enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''United States-Israel Framework for Upgraded Technologies, Unified Research, and Enhanced Security (FUTURES) Act of 2026''.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States and Israel—

(A) are bound by shared democratic values, strategic interests, and deep cultural and technological ties; and

(B) can benefit from further joint innovation and rapid technology deployment in facing common and evolving security challenges;

(2) Israel is a strategic and capable ally of the United States that advances United States strategic interests, strengthens United States military capabilities, and bolsters the United States economy;

(3) as a global leader and innovator in the development of defense technology, Israel is a close foreign defense partner of the United States;

(4) on September 14, 2016, the United States and Israel signed a 10-year memorandum of understanding reaffirming the importance of continuing annual United States military assistance to Israel and cooperative missile defense programs in a way that enhances the security and bilateral relationship between the two countries;

(5) the United States-Israel defense partnership, through sustained joint research and development, has yielded critical advances in both countries' national security capabilities in areas such as missile

defense, directed energy, counter drone, anti-tunneling, counterterrorism, and emerging technologies;

(6) to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge while deterring adversaries and ensuring mutual security, the United States and Israel must expand cooperation in emerging domains; and

(7) to grow American technological supremacy, the United States must leverage the unique capabilities offered by each country and more rapidly integrate jointly developed and Israeli-origin defense technologies into United States military systems, programs of record, and the defense industrial base.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES–ISRAEL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION INITIATIVE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Minister of Defense of Israel, shall establish a cooperative initiative, to be known as the ''United States-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative'', to expand and accelerate bilateral defense technology research, development, testing, evaluation, integration, and industrial cooperation by—

(1) identifying jointly developed or Israeli-origin technologies with operational utility for integration into United States systems and programs of record;

(2) conducting collaborative research initiatives involving government, private sector, and academic institutions in the United States and Israel, in a manner that protects sensitive technology and information and the national security interests of the United States and Israel;

(3) facilitating the transition of technologies from research and development into procurement and acquisition pathways;

(4) establishing frameworks for joint ventures, licensing agreements, and United States-based co-production or manufacturing partnerships with Israeli industry;

(5) coordinating with relevant Department of Defense components, including the Irregular Warfare Technical Support Directorate, capability development and innovation divisions, the Defense Innovation Unit, the United States-Israel Operations Technology Working Group, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Missile Defense Agency and United States Space Command, and the military services, to align efforts and avoid duplication; and

(6) promoting joint training exercises and information-sharing mechanisms to enhance operational readiness to deploy jointly developed technologies.

(b) INITIATIVE DOMAINS.—The Initiative shall be carried out through cooperative efforts in domains such as the following:

(1) Counter-Unmanned Systems including aerial, maritime, and ground platforms.

(2) Anti-tunneling and subterranean threats.

(3) Missile and air defense technologies, including Golden Dome for America.

(4) Artificial intelligence, quantum, machine learning, and autonomous systems.

(5) Directed energy and advanced sensing.

(6) Cyber defense, electronic warfare, and digital resilience.

(7) Biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and medical defense.

(8) Network integration, data fusion, and contested logistics.

(9) Defense industrial base cooperation, manufacturing, and co-production.

(10) Other emerging technologies as jointly agreed by the United States and Israel.

(c) ACTIVITIES IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.—The Secretary of Defense shall coordinate activities under the Initiative with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to ensure consistency with existing laws and regulations.

SEC. 4. REPORTING.

(a) INTERIM PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense committees an interim briefing or written update describing—

(1) steps taken to stand up the initiative;

(2) early coordination with Israeli counterparts;

(3) initial technology areas identified for accelerated cooperation and technologies with operational utility for integration into United States systems and programs of record;

(4) Department of Defense components designated to lead implementation; and

(5) any early transition, prototyping, or integration activities initiated during the period covered by the update.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on implementation of the program established under this section. Each such report shall include—

(1) a description of activities conducted under the program;

(2) an assessment of progress made in advancing shared national security interests;

(3) an assessment of the program's collaboration with other relevant Federal programs, including the United States-Israel operations-technology working group and United States-Israel cooperative programs run by the capability development and innovation division and the irregular warfare technical support directorate;

(4) a description of technologies transitioned into United States acquisition programs or fielded systems;

(5) a description of partnerships established with United States and Israeli industry; and

(6) recommendations for future priorities and assessment of resource needs, including further authorities necessary to promote the long-term integra-

tion of joint capabilities between the United States and Israel.

(c) FORM.—Each report required under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

(d) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary of Defense shall make available on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Defense periodic, unclassified updates, to the maximum extent practicable, on activities conducted under the Initiative, including a description of how these activities contribute to American technological and military supremacy. Such updates shall be made in a manner that ensures that classified information or other information that would compromise operational security, export controls, or sensitive technology are not released.

(e) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this Act, the term ''congressional defense committees'' means the Committees on Appropriations and Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated $150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029 to carry out this Act.

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