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US Congress Forms Israel Allies Caucus

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(IsraelINN.com) On Thursday, July 27, Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL) announced the formation of the Congressional Israel Allies Caucus to help mobilize Christian support of Israel.

"As Israel faces growing international pressure to agree to an immediate ceasefire, the announcement came as a welcome expression of the US Congress's support for Israel," stated Rev. James M. Hutchens, Ph.D, Chaplain (Brigadier General) US Army (Ret.), who serves as president of the JerUSAlem Connection International.

According to Weldon, "During the current crisis, Israel and the world need to know that the US Congress stands firm in its commitment to Israel's protection and Israel's right to defend itself from terrorists and state-sponsors of terrorism. The Congressional Israel Allies Caucus being formed today is a reflection of that commitment and will give members of Congress another means to communicate closely with an important ally."

The bi-partisan caucus is co-chaired by Rep. Weldon and Rep. Elliot Engel (D-NY)

Other members include Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ) and Rep. Gene Green (D-TX). At least twenty additional members are expected to join.

The caucus is modeled after the Israeli Knesset's Christian Allies Caucus (CAC), formed over two years ago with the expressed purpose of strengthening ties between the state of Israel and Christian Zionists. Recognizing the importance of outreach with the pro-Israel evangelical community, the Congressional Israel Allies Caucus will work together with the CAC in empowering Christian Zionist groups.

Coordination and communication between the two caucuses will be strong. Weldon and Engel are planning regular exchange visits between DC and Jerusalem.

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