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## Klein Statement on Israel at 60 Delegation

**Washington, D.C.** – *U.S. Representative Ron Klein (FL-22) today returned to Washington, D.C. after participating in a congressional delegation to mark Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Klein, who serves as the Vice Chairman of the Middle East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, traveled with a high-level, bipartisan delegation led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.*

*Upon arriving in Washington, Klein issued the following statement.*

“It was an honor and a privilege to join the Speaker of the House and my distinguished colleagues for such an uplifting and productive delegation to Israel. In just a few short days, we held meetings with key Israeli political leaders, including Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, President Shimon Peres, and Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni. We discussed the pressing security issues facing Israel, but I found that despite these challenges, the Israeli people are remarkably optimistic and resilient.

“Our delegation held meetings with Israeli business and research leaders in the field of alternative energy, and I look forward to connecting scientists and entrepreneurs in Israel and South Florida so they can collaborate on this important research. I also had the opportunity to meet with Florida college students studying abroad in Israel, and it was refreshing to hear about their perspectives and experiences.

“Being in Israel for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary was moving for me, personally. One moment stood out above others on this trip, and that was when, at the opening of the Knesset session, Americans and Israelis stood together, with both flags flying, and sang the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah, the Israeli national anthem. It was an unforgettable moment, and I am grateful for the experience. I look forward to sharing my impressions from this trip with constituents at home in South Florida, and am eager to hear their thoughts on the milestone of Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.”

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