

## Mahoney Travels to Israel

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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) will travel to Israel as part of a congressional mission August 12th - 18th, 2007. The trip is an opportunity to meet with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to discuss issues of security, peace negotiations, and counterterrorism efforts.

While in Israel, Mahoney is expected to meet with Israeli President Shimon Peres, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayaad. Mahoney will also attend several high-level briefings and will meet with defense and economic experts. The delegation will travel to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the West Bank and the Golan Heights.

"As the only functional democracy in the Middle East, Israel is a key U.S. ally in our fight against terrorism. With a resurgent Iran supporting Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist groups, Israel has never been so important. This trip is a critical opportunity for me to meet with Israeli and Palestinian leaders and see first hand the strategic importance of the region to America's security," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

The trip is sponsored by the America Israel Education Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization. The trip has been pre-approved by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (House Ethics Committee).

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