AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. WALTZ OF FLORIDA

Insert in the appropriate place in the bill the following:

SEC. ___. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL PTSD COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH.

(a) Grant Program for Increased Cooperation on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Research Between United States and Israel.—

(1) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program, should seek to explore scientific collaboration between American academic institutions and nonprofit research entities, and Israeli institutions with expertise in researching, diagnosing, and treating post-traumatic stress disorder.

(2) Grant Program.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of State, shall award grants to eligible entities to carry out collaborative research between the United States and Israel with
respect to post-traumatic stress disorders. The Secretary of Defense shall carry out the grant program under this subsection in accordance with the agreement titled “Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Israel on the United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation”, dated September 27, 1972.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall be an academic institution or a nonprofit entity located in the United States.

(4) AWARD.—The Secretary shall award grants under this subsection to eligible entities that—

(A) carry out a research project that—

(i) addresses a requirement in the area of post-traumatic stress disorders that the Secretary determines appropriate to research using such grant; and

(ii) is conducted by the eligible entity and an entity in Israel under a joint research agreement; and

(B) meet such other criteria that the Secretary may establish.

(5) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an eligible entity shall
submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
in such manner, and containing such commitments
and information as the Secretary may require.

(6) GIFT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may ac-
cept, hold, and administer, any gift of money made
on the condition that the gift be used for the pur-
pose of the grant program under this subsection.
Such gifts of money accepted under this paragraph
shall be deposited in the Treasury in the Depart-
ment of Defense General Gift Fund and shall be
available, subject to appropriation, without fiscal
year limitation.

(7) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after
the date on which an eligible entity completes a re-
search project using a grant under this subsection,
the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that
contains—

(A) a description of how the eligible entity
used the grant; and

(B) an evaluation of the level of success of
the research project.

(b) TERMINATION.—The authority to award grants
under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is
1 7 years after the date on which the first such grant is
2 awarded.