

Washington, DC (March 6, 2012) – After learning from the National Cemetery Administration that more than a dozen Jewish tombstones were vandalized at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09), Vice Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee and member of the International Religious Freedom Caucus issued the following statement:

"This is a tragic and despicable incident, and whoever is responsible for this should be ashamed of their actions and brought to justice. Not only did these vandals desecrate the memorials of those who fought and died to protect our freedom, but they targeted individuals simply because of their religious beliefs."