Washington, DC (August 6, 2012) – Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, issued the following statement in regard to Israeli President Shimon Peres taking an official trip to Greece on August 6-8, 2012.

"Greece and Israel have been strengthening bilateral ties - on various levels - for many years now. This week's trip will build upon an already strong relationship between both countries. It is in our interest to support our allies in this region and encourage further cooperation."

Last week, Bilirakis formed the Congressional Hellenic-Israeli Alliance, a new congressional caucus to focus on this flourishing relationship between the United States, Greece, Israel, and Cyprus.