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Former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon to Address Arizona State Legislature

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Tony Rivero (R-21) today announced that former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon will address the Arizona State Legislature on February 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Minister Ya'alon served in the Israel Defense Forces for 37 years, earning the Legion of Merit award and eventually retiring at the rank of Chief of General Staff. He represented the Likud Party in the Israeli Parliament from 2009-2016, serving as Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Strategic Affairs, and Minister of Defense.

“As the House Local and International Affairs Committee continues to look for ways to strengthen partnerships and expand trading opportunities, I’m excited to hear Minister Ya’alon’s address to the Legislature,” said Representative Rivero.

“Minister Ya’alon is a distinguished and highly respected leader, and it will be a privilege to hear his thoughts on strengthening the relationship between Arizona and Israel,” said Representative Macario Saldate (D-3).

“The Arizona Legislature has the honor of hosting Minister Ya’alon for a dialogue on how the alliance between Israel and Arizona can be enhanced, and I’m excited to hear what he has to say,” said Representative Todd Clodfelter (R-10).

“Minister Ya’alon is a well-respected world leader, and the Arizona Legislature is fortunate to hear his thoughts on the state of U.S.-Israel relations and how we can continue to bolster those ties,” said Representative Russell Bowers (R-25).

“Arizona’s business community is looking forward to the visit by Defense Minister Ya’alon this month, which will be an excellent opportunity to highlight the deep bonds between Arizona and Israel. I look forward to discussing with the minister how we can continue to work together on

issues ranging from water stewardship to military defense to job creation. We appreciate the work of Rep. Rivero to make this visit possible – he has consistently worked to position Arizona in a positive light on the global stage,” said Glenn Hamer, the president of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

“Arizona shares many values with Israel that cover a broad range of areas including education, technology, science, and health. These are the driving forces of innovation that impact our global economy today. In fact, Israel ranks as Arizona’s 21st leading trading partner. This partnership and collaboration expands economic opportunities for our communities. Continued open dialogue and collaboration with our friends and trade partners around the world impact our local economies and benefit us all. We all win. Welcome Minister Ya’alon to Arizona,” explained David Adame, President & CEO of Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

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