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At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12. MARITIME ARCHITECTURE AND RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall seek to build upon the historic opportunities created by the Abraham Accords and the incorporation of Israel into the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command to develop a Middle East integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction capability for the purpose of protecting the people, infrastructure, and territory of such countries from—

(1) manned and unmanned naval systems, undersea warfare capabilities, and anti-ship missiles of Iran and groups affiliated with Iran; and

(2) violent extremist organizations, criminal networks, and piracy activities that threaten lawful commerce in the waterways within the area of re-
sponsibility of the United States Naval Forces Central Command.

(b) Strategy.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a strategy for the cooperation described in subsection (a).

(2) Matters to be included.—The strategy required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the threats posed to ally or partner countries in the Middle East by—

(i) manned and unmanned naval systems, undersea warfare capabilities, and anti-ship missiles of Iran and groups affiliated with Iran; and

(ii) violent extremist organizations, criminal networks, and piracy activities that threaten lawful commerce in the waterways within the area of responsibility of the United States Naval Forces Central Command.
(B) A description of existing multilateral maritime partnerships currently led by the United States Naval Forces Central Command, including the Combined Maritime Forces (including its associated Task Forces 150, 151, 152, and 153), the International Maritime Security Construct, and the Navy’s Task Force 59, and a discussion of the role of such partnerships in building an integrated maritime security capability.

(C) A description of progress made in advancing the integration of Israel into the existing multilateral maritime partnerships described in subparagraph (B).

(D) A description of efforts among countries in the Middle East to coordinate intelligence, reconnaissance, and surveillance capabilities and indicators and warnings with respect to the threats described in subparagraph (A), and a description of any impediment to optimizing such efforts.

(E) A description of the current Department of Defense systems that, in coordination with ally and partner countries in the Middle East—
(i) provide awareness of and defend
against such threats; and
(ii) address current capability gaps.

(F) An explanation of the manner in which
an integrated maritime domain awareness and
interdiction architecture would improve collective security in the Middle East.

(G) A description of existing and planned
efforts to engage ally and partner countries in
the Middle East in establishing such an architecture.

(H) An identification of the elements of
such an architecture that may be acquired and
operated by ally and partner countries in the
Middle East, and a list of such elements for
each such ally and partner.

(I) An identification of the elements of
such an architecture that may only be provided
and operated by members of the United States
Armed Forces.

(J) An identification of any challenge to
optimizing such an architecture in the Middle
East.

(K) An assessment of progress and key
challenges in the implementation of the strategy
required by paragraph (1) using the metrics
identified in accordance with paragraph (3).

(L) Recommendations for improvements in
the implementation of such strategy based on
such metrics.

(M) An assessment of any capabilities or
lessons from the Navy’s Task Force 59 that
may be leveraged to support an integrated mar-
itime domain awareness and interdiction capa-
bility in the Middle East.

(N) Any other matter the Secretary of De-
fense or the Secretary of State considers rel-
evant.

(3) METRICS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
identify metrics to assess progress in the implemen-
tation of the strategy required by paragraph (1).

(4) FORMAT.—The strategy required by para-
graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
may include a classified annex.

(e) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION.—Any
activity carried out under this section shall be conducted
in a manner that appropriately protects sensitive informa-
tion and the national security interests of the United
States.
(d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.