

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend President Barack Obama, the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States military and Congress for the quick decisive steps taken in the mission culminating in the death of terrorist Osama Bin Laden.

WHEREAS, Osama Bin Laden was the leader of the al-Qaida terrorist group and was the mastermind behind the infamous 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the search for the terrorist leader continued for more than nine years as he successfully eluded capture on several occasions and stayed on the move in the rugged area of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border; and

WHEREAS, new leads and intelligence on Bin Laden began to emerge several years ago, including the identity of a courier he trusted without question and who had frequent contact with the al-Qaida leader; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, relying on information from multiple sources, became convinced that Bin Laden was hiding in a compound in Northwestern Pakistan and began to pursue an aggressive course of action that would ultimately bring the world's most wanted fugitive to justice; and

WHEREAS, the president then held a series of meetings of the National Security Council and formulated a plan that would involve operatives from the Central Intelligence Agency and members of the United States Navy SEAL Team 6 conducting a dangerous, night-time helicopter raid on the custom built compound in the suburbs of Abbottabad, Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, President Obama gave the final directive to begin the top secret mission on Friday, April 29, before flying to inspect tornado destruction in Alabama, telling no one outside a small circle within the United States government, and the elite, black operatives who would participate in the raid; and

WHEREAS, in the predawn darkness of Sunday, May 1, 2011, CIA paramilitary forces and two dozen members of the legendary Naval Special Warfare Development Group, unofficially known as ST-6, a tier-one class, counter-terrorist team comprised of the best of the best of the best SEAL members, began their assault on Bin Laden's hideout, starting a fierce firefight that ended the terrorist's life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has vigorously supported and funded the hunt for Osama Bin Laden during the more than nine years of searching by the CIA and the various military entities fighting the nation's Global War On Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, SEAL Team 6 has played vital roles in hunting down terrorist forces in Afghanistan, Somalia, the former Yugoslavia, and Iraq, employing highly classified operations and using top secret tactics to accomplish their missions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations and congratulations to President Barack Obama, the United States Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, ST-6, for all their tireless efforts in bringing the world's most wanted terrorist to justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to President Barack Obama, both houses of the United States Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency and to the Department of the Navy Special Warfare Development Group.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES