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H. RES. 1025

Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for members of the Armed Forces who fight terrorism and the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Government should pay for the legal expenses of members of the Armed Forces who are accused of committing crimes related to the treatment of a suspected terrorist, if the member is acquitted or the charges are dropped.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2010

Ms. GRANGER (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CARTER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. MCCAUL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for members of the Armed Forces who fight terrorism and the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Government should pay for the legal expenses of members of the Armed Forces who are accused of committing crimes related to the treatment of a suspected terrorist, if the member is acquitted or the charges are dropped.

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are vital national assets;

Whereas they must be commended and rewarded for their service;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces must be provided all of the tools and authorities they need to hunt down terrorists;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces must be allowed to fight terrorists without the fear they will be accused of wrongdoing due to political correctness;

Whereas the al Qaeda handbook instructs al Qaeda operatives to always claim they are tortured and mistreated while being detained, and states specifically: “At the beginning of the trial . . . the brothers must insist on proving that torture was inflicted on them by state security before the judge. Complain of mistreatment while in prison.”;

Whereas the United States Government is currently funding the legal defense of accused terrorists; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the United States Government to ensure that those who defend the Nation are provided the best possible legal defense should they be accused of committing a crime while engaged in the fight on terrorists and extremists: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports members of the Armed Forces as
3 they continue to fight the war against terrorists;

4 (2) opposes their prosecution when rooted in an
5 excess of political correctness and over-sensitivity;
6 and

7 (3) expresses the sense of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives that any member of the Armed Forces

1 who is accused of a crime related to the treatment
2 of a suspected terrorist should have any outside legal
3 fees related to their defense paid for by the United
4 States Government, if the member is acquitted or
5 the charges are dropped.

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