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Honoring the members of the military and intelligence community who carried out the mission that killed Osama bin Laden, and for other purposes.

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Mr. OWENS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Honoring the members of the military and intelligence community who carried out the mission that killed Osama bin Laden, and for other purposes.

Whereas on May 1, 2011, United States personnel killed terrorist leader Osama bin Laden during the course of a targeted strike against his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan;

Whereas Osama bin Laden was the leader of the al Qaeda terrorist organization, the most significant terrorism threat to the United States and the international community;

Whereas Osama bin Laden was the architect of terrorist attacks which killed nearly 3,000 civilians on September

11, 2001, the most deadly terrorist attack against our Nation, in which al Qaeda terrorists hijacked four airplanes and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and, due to heroic efforts by civilian passengers to disrupt the terrorists, near Shanksville, Pennsylvania;

Whereas Osama bin Laden planned or supported numerous other deadly terrorist attacks against the United States and its allies, including the 1998 bombings of United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and the 2000 attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen, and against innocent civilians in countries around the world, including the 2004 attack on commuter trains in Madrid, Spain, and the 2005 bombings of the mass transit system in London, England;

Whereas following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the United States, under President George W. Bush, led an international coalition into Afghanistan to dismantle al Qaeda, deny them a safe haven in Afghanistan and ungoverned areas along the Pakistani border, and bring Osama bin Laden to justice;

Whereas President Barack Obama in 2009 committed additional forces and resources to efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan as “the central front in our enduring struggle against terrorism and extremism”;

Whereas the valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have courageously and vigorously pursued al Qaeda and its affiliates in Afghanistan and around the world;

Whereas the anonymous, unsung heroes of the intelligence community have pursued al Qaeda and affiliates in Af-

ghanistan, Pakistan, and around the world with tremendous dedication, sacrifice, and professionalism;

Whereas the close collaboration between the Armed Forces and the intelligence community prompted the Director of National Intelligence, General James Clapper, to state, “Never have I seen a more remarkable example of focused integration, seamless collaboration, and sheer professional magnificence as was demonstrated by the Intelligence Community in the ultimate demise of Osama bin Laden.”;

Whereas while the death of Osama bin Laden represents a significant blow to the al Qaeda organization and its affiliates and to terrorist organizations around the world, terrorism remains a critical threat to United States national security; and

Whereas President Obama said, “For over two decades, bin Laden has been al Qaeda’s leader and symbol, and has continued to plot attacks against our country and our friends and allies. The death of bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our Nation’s effort to defeat al Qaeda.”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) declares that the death of Osama bin Laden
- 3 represents a measure of justice and relief for the
- 4 families and friends of the nearly 3,000 men and
- 5 women who lost their lives on September 11, 2001,
- 6 the men and women in the United States and
- 7 around the world who have been killed by other al
- 8 Qaeda-sponsored attacks, the men and women of the

1 United States Armed Forces and the intelligence
2 community who have sacrificed their lives pursuing
3 Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda;

4 (2) commends the men and women of the
5 United States Armed Forces and the United States
6 intelligence community for the tremendous commit-
7 ment, perseverance, professionalism, and sacrifice
8 they displayed in bringing Osama bin Laden to jus-
9 tice;

10 (3) commends the men and women of the
11 United States Armed Forces and the United States
12 intelligence community for committing themselves to
13 defeating, disrupting, and dismantling al Qaeda;

14 (4) commends the President for ordering the
15 successful operations to locate and eliminate Osama
16 bin Laden; and

17 (5) reaffirms its commitment to disrupting, dis-
18 mantling, and defeating al Qaeda and affiliated or-
19 ganizations around the world that threaten United
20 States national security, eliminating a safe haven for
21 terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and bringing
22 terrorists to justice.

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