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S. RES. 447

Expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2023, as “Beirut Veterans Remembrance Day” to remember the tragic terrorist bombing of the Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Mr. McCONNELL for (Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BUDD)) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2023, as “Beirut Veterans Remembrance Day” to remember the tragic terrorist bombing of the Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983.

Whereas, in 1982, the United States deployed members of the Armed Forces to Lebanon as part of a multinational peacekeeping force;

Whereas, on October 23, 1983, a truck packed with explosives drove into the lobby of the Marine Corps headquarters building at Beirut International Airport in Beirut, Lebanon;

Whereas 241 members of the Armed Forces were killed in the Marine Corps headquarters bombing in Beirut, Lebanon, including 220 Marines, 18 Sailors, and 3 Soldiers;

Whereas many of the members of the Armed Forces who died in the Marine Corps headquarters bombing were from the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment Battalion Landing Team, based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina;

Whereas, in the Marine Corps headquarters bombing, Marines suffered the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945;

Whereas, on the same day as the Marine Corps headquarters bombing, a suicide bomber killed 58 French paratroopers housed in another building in Beirut, Lebanon; and

Whereas, on October 23, 2023, the United States remembers the members of the Armed Forces who were killed or injured by the terrorist attack on the Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, on October 23, 1983: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of October 23,
3 2023, as “Beirut Veterans Remembrance Day” for
4 members of the Armed Forces who were killed or in-
5 jured by the terrorist attack on the Marine Corps
6 headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, on October 23,
7 1983; and

8 (2) encourages the people of the United States
9 to take time on October 23, 2023, to honor and rec-
10 ognize the memory of the brave members of the
11 Armed Forces who served in Lebanon and should
12 never be forgotten.

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