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H. RES. 45

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in remembrance of the victims of the peacekeeping mission in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1982 to 1984.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BURR, Ms. WATSON, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. KLINE, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. OWENS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. McNULTY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in remembrance of the victims of the peacekeeping mission in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1982 to 1984.

Whereas on the morning of October 23, 1983, at approximately 6:20 a.m., a truck packed with explosives broke security and detonated outside of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon;

Whereas 241 United States Military personnel were killed in the blast;

Whereas a total of 273 members of the Armed Services from 36 States across the United States were killed while serving in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1982 to 1984;

Whereas the servicemen were part of a multinational peacekeeping force;

Whereas the honor and sacrifice of the victims will never be forgotten;

Whereas remembering those who lost their lives in Beirut would enhance public awareness of the roots of the war on terror and strengthen public resolve to rid the world of evil;

Whereas October 23, 2003, will mark the 20th anniversary of the Beirut bombing;

Whereas the Nation should celebrate the peace in the American spirit that was embodied in the mission of these fallen heroes; and

Whereas more than 20,000 signatures have been collected from families, citizens, and comrades in favor of a stamp to honor those who lost their lives on that noble mission: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-

2 representatives that—

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should

4 issue a commemorative postage stamp in remem-

5 brance of the victims of the Beirut peacekeeping

6 mission; and

1 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
2 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
3 such a stamp be issued.

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