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H. RES. 760

Condemning the series of terrorist attacks against the Russian Federation that occurred in late August and early September 2004.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. HYDE, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOYER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BELL, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BAIRD, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. POMBO, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. GOODE, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. FORBES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the series of terrorist attacks against the Russian Federation that occurred in late August and early September 2004.

Whereas on August 24, 2004, 2 Russian passenger airliners, Sibir Airlines Flight 1047 and Volga-Avia Express Flight 1303, exploded nearly simultaneously from bombs be-

lieved to have been carried aboard by passengers, killing 90 people;

Whereas on August 31, 2004, a suicide bomber attacked the Rizhskaya subway station in Moscow, killing 10 people and injuring 51;

Whereas on September 1, 2004, a group of approximately 30 terrorists seized Middle School No. 1 in Beslan, Russia, on the first day of school;

Whereas more than 1,180 parents, teachers, and children were held hostage for 52 hours with no food or water;

Whereas this act of terrorism resulted in more than 335 dead, including 156 children, hundreds wounded and 190 still unaccounted for;

Whereas terrorist actions during the standoff were grotesque and cruel;

Whereas this attack parallels tactics used by terrorist groups around the world, including extensive preparations, the simultaneity of attacks requiring coordination, and the use of suicide bombers;

Whereas the terrorists possessed sophisticated weapons and training, including camouflage, gas masks, trained dogs, specialized sniper cartridges, and grenade launchers;

Whereas the attacks were reportedly planned by Shamil Basayev, a Chechen rebel commander, and financed by Abu Omar as-Seyf, a radical Islamic Wahabite, believed to be associated with al-Qaeda;

Whereas these 3 attacks represent an unparalleled level of barbarity against the Russian Federation;

Whereas the United States has provided medical supplies, medicine, and other equipment to help doctors cope with the injured in these attacks;

Whereas terrorism in the 21st century flows across national borders; and

Whereas the school children and people of Beslan, Russia have now joined the people of New York City, Moscow, Karachi, Jerusalem, Madrid, Bali, and many other places around the globe as victims of international terrorism: Now, therefore, be it—

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) deploras the series of terrorist attacks
3 against the Russian Federation that occurred in late
4 August and early September 2004;

5 (2) expresses its heartfelt condolences to the
6 families of the individuals murdered in the terrorist
7 attacks, expresses its sympathies to the individuals
8 injured in the attacks, and conveys its hope for the
9 rapid and complete recovery of all such injured indi-
10 viduals; and

11 (3) stands in solidarity with the Russian people
12 in efforts to combat terrorism throughout the world.

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