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Relating to the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.

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Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. DOOLITTLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Homeland Security, 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

Relating to the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.

Whereas on September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending to their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a fourth was prevented from also being used as a weapon against America by brave passengers who placed their country above their own lives;

Whereas four years later the country continues to, and shall forever, mourn the tragic loss of life at the hands of terrorist attackers;

Whereas by targeting symbols of American strength and success, these attacks clearly were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, intimidate the Nation, and weaken the national resolve;

Whereas four years after September 11, 2001, the United States is fighting a Global War on Terrorism to protect America and her friends and allies;

Whereas recent deadly attacks in London, Madrid, and Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, remind all Americans that the forces of evil that attacked the Nation four years ago remain committed to terrorist attacks against free peoples;

Whereas because of the skill and bravery of the members of the United States Armed Forces and due to the constant vigilance of our Nation's first responders, the United States homeland has not been successfully attacked by terrorist forces during the four years since September 11, 2001; and

Whereas while the passage of four years has not softened the memory of the American people, resolved their grief, or restored lost loved ones, it has shown that Americans will not bow to terrorists: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) extends again its deepest sympathies to the
3 thousands of innocent victims of the September 11,
4 2001, terrorist attacks, their families, friends, and
5 loved ones;

1 (2) honors the heroic actions and the sacrifices
2 of United States military and civilian personnel and
3 their families who have sacrificed much, including
4 their lives and health, in defense of their country in
5 the Global War on Terrorism;

6 (3) honors the heroic actions of first respond-
7 ers, law enforcement personnel, State and local offi-
8 cials, volunteers, and others who aided the innocent
9 victims and, in so doing, bravely risked their own
10 lives and long-term health;

11 (4) expresses thanks and gratitude to the for-
12 eign leaders and citizens of all nations who have as-
13 sisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the
14 United States against terrorism in the aftermath of
15 the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

16 (5) discourages, in the strongest possible terms,
17 any effort to confuse the Global War on Terrorism
18 with a war on any people or any faith;

19 (6) reaffirms its commitment to the Global War
20 on Terrorism and to providing the United States
21 Armed Forces with the resources and support to
22 wage it effectively and safely;

23 (7) vows that it will continue to take whatever
24 actions necessary to identify, intercept, and disrupt
25 terrorists and their activities; and

1 (8) reaffirms that the American people will
2 never forget the sacrifices made on September 11,
3 2001, and will never bow to terrorist demands.

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