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Recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror.

Whereas the 69th Infantry Regiment, or the Fighting 69th, with citizen-soldiers from Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, and Long Island, has faithfully answered America's call to arms since its formation in 1851;

Whereas the Fighting 69th was one of the first units to assist in the recovery effort at the World Trade Center in New York following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack, where they lost a comrade, a firefighter;

Whereas the 69th Infantry Regiment, while deployed to Iraq as "Task Force Wolfhound", its first overseas combat since World War II, fought to defend the city of Al Taji

against al-Qaeda terrorists, protected Iraq’s first free elections, and secured the infamous “Route Irish”, the most dangerous road in Baghdad;

Whereas 19 members of the Fighting 69th were killed in action and over 78 were wounded in Operation Wolfhound; and

Whereas the Fighting 69th has now served the Nation in 5 wars and over 20 campaigns, and Congress has awarded 6 members with the Congressional Medal of Honor: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 69th Infantry Regiment, or
3 the Fighting 69th, as one of the great regiments in
4 American military history;

5 (2) recognizes that America owes a tremendous
6 debt for the exceptional service, patriotism, and fi-
7 delity of the soldiers of the Fighting 69th;

8 (3) recognizes that the Fighting 69th has con-
9 tinually participated in the Global War on Terror
10 since the attack on September 11, 2001; and

11 (4) acknowledges that as the 69th Infantry
12 Regiment deploys to Afghanistan to fight in the cen-
13 tral front in the Global War on Terror, that the
14 proud traditions of the regiment will be respected
15 and that the sacrifices of one of America’s most sto-
16 ried combat units will not go unnoticed.

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