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Honoring the victims of the June 25, 1996,
terrorist bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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Whereas on June 25, 1996, a terrorist truck bomb outside a military housing compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killed 19 members of the Armed Forces and wounded hundreds of others;

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces killed and wounded in the bombing were defending the national security interests of the United States;

Whereas the defense of United States national interests continues to require the forward deployment of members of the Armed Forces to other countries;

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces are called upon to perform duties that place their lives at risk from terrorist elements hostile to the United States;

Whereas global terrorism has demonstrated no respect for the historic rules of war, no reluctance to strike against innocent and defenseless individuals, and a willingness to engage in tactics against which conventional defenses are difficult;

Whereas it is the duty of the President and the military chain of command to take all necessary steps to keep members of the Armed Forces protected and as safe as the nature of their mission permits;

Whereas the people of the United States stand with those who have volunteered to serve their country and grieve at the loss of those who, to quote Lincoln, “have given their last full measure of devotion” to the security and well-being of the United States;

Whereas those members of the Armed Forces serving in Saudi Arabia and around the world demonstrate valor and a faith in the American way of life that reflects honorably not only on themselves but upon the country that they represent; and

Whereas the military personnel who lost their lives on June 25, 1996, in the bombing in Dhahran died in the honorable service of their Nation and exemplified all that is best and most virtuous in the American people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 That Congress hereby—

4 (1) recognizes the 19 members of the Armed
5 Forces who died in the terrorist truck bombing in
6 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, on June 25, 1996, and hon-
7 ors them for their service and sacrifice;

8 (2) calls upon the Nation to hold fast the mem-
9 ory of those who died;

10 (3) extends its sympathies to the families of
11 those who died; and

12 (4) assures the members of the Armed Forces
13 serving anywhere in the world that their well-being
14 and interests will at all times be given the highest
15 priority.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 24,
1996.

Attest:

Clerk.