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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the bombing in Dhahran,
Saudi Arabia.

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Mr. SCARBOROUGH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on National Security

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Whereas the men and women killed and wounded in the June
25, 1996, bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, were de-
fending the national security interests of the United
States;

Whereas the United States continues to shoulder the respon-
sibility of defending not only its own national interests,
but those of Saudi Arabia, the other Gulf States, and the
free world generally, and is therefore obliged to put its
men and women in uniform in harm's way in an environ-
ment not necessarily conducive to the culture and love of
liberty of the United States;

Whereas the men and women of the United States Armed
Forces are called upon to risk their lives against an

enemy who does not respect the historic rules of war, who feels no remorse about striking against those who are innocent and unable to protect themselves, and who believes that such actions will lead to martyrdom and therefore is prone to launching suicide attacks against which conventional defenses are not always adequate;

Whereas it is the solemn duty of the President, the Congress, and the commanders of elements of the Armed Forces to keep the Nation's men and women in uniform as much out of harm's way as the nature of the mission that they are undertaking permits, the circumstances that they face allow, and the national security requires;

Whereas the people of the United States stand with those who have volunteered to serve their country, and therefore 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 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines that remain in Saudi Arabia or anywhere else in the world, who stand on the ramparts of the freedom of the United States, demonstrate a 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 demonstrates to friend and foe alike the unshakable dedication of the United States to liberty and justice; and

Whereas the men and women who lost their lives on June 25 in the bombing in Dhahran were heroes in the truest sense of the word, exemplifying 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)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the 19 men and women who died in the
4 bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, should be ac-
5 corded all honor due to heroes;

6 (2) their memory should be recognized and held
7 fast by the Nation;

8 (3) the families of those left behind should be
9 comforted in their sorrow; and

10 (4) those men and women who continue to serve
11 in the United States Armed Forces anywhere in the
12 world should be assured that their well-being and in-
13 terests will at all times be safeguarded and given the
14 highest priority by those in the Congress and the
15 Government who have sworn to uphold the Constitu-
16 tion and defend the interests of the Nation and its
17 people.

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