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Mr. SCARBOROUGH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
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Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. KIM, Mr. MANTON, Mr.
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BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. NEY, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ACKER-
MAN, and Ms. SLAUGHTER

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

Whereas the United States continues to shoulder the responsibility 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 environment 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

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), 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;~~

1 ~~(3)~~ the families of those left behind should be
2 comforted in their sorrow; and

3 ~~(4)~~ those men and women who continue to serve
4 in the United States Armed Forces anywhere in the
5 world should be assured that their well-being and in-
6 terests will at all times be safeguarded and given the
7 highest priority by those in the Congress and the
8 Government who have sworn to uphold the Constitu-
9 tion and defend the interests of the Nation and its
10 people.

11 That Congress hereby—

12 *(1) recognizes the 19 members of the Armed*
13 *Forces who died in the terrorist truck bombing in*
14 *Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, on June 25, 1996, and hon-*
15 *ors them for their service and sacrifice;*

16 *(2) calls upon the Nation to hold fast the mem-*
17 *ory of those who died;*

18 *(3) extends its sympathies to the families of those*
19 *who died; and*

20 *(4) assures the members of the Armed Forces*
21 *serving anywhere in the world that their well-being*
22 *and interests will at all times be given the highest*
23 *priority.*

Amend the title so as to read: “Concurrent resolu-
tion honoring the victims of the June 25, 1996, terrorist
bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.”.