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Strongly denouncing the danger of international terrorism inspired by an apostate vision of Islam, one of the historic religions of the world.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRABACHER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Strongly denouncing the danger of international terrorism inspired by an apostate vision of Islam, one of the historic religions of the world.

Whereas Margaret Hassan, a helpless humanitarian aid worker and the Iraqi head of CARE International's Iraq operations, was brutally murdered while in captivity of Muslim fanatics in Iraq;

Whereas Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh was ritually slaughtered on an Amsterdam street on November 2, 2004;

Whereas van Gogh's "crime" was a film he made, Submission, which recounted stories of Muslim women who were forced into arranged marriages and abused in various ways; and

Whereas these latest atrocities sadly mark only the most recent high-profile incidents of violence, mutilations, beheadings, and other acts of savagery committed in the name of Islam, and such barbarous acts contradict the teachings of the monotheistic faith that Islam shares with both Christianity and Judaism: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) denounces the horrific killings of Margaret
4 Hassan, the Iraqi head of CARE International’s
5 Iraq operations, and Dutch filmmaker Theo van
6 Gogh as acts of terrorism and condemns all such
7 monstrous acts committed in the name of Islam;

8 (2) strongly urges Muslim countries and leading
9 clerics and practitioners of the Islamic faith to take
10 the lead in denouncing, marginalizing, and thwarting
11 the violence committed in the name of Islam against
12 unarmed and helpless victims;

13 (3) similarly calls on people of all faiths to de-
14 nounce such barbarous acts committed against Mus-
15 lims; and

16 (4) strongly encourages the Government of the
17 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to deny access to Islamic
18 holy sites in Saudi Arabia both to individuals who
19 are members of organizations that have taken credit
20 for, and to individuals who have committed, any

- 1 crime or act of terrorism, barbarism, or mutilation
- 2 in the name of Islam.

