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Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the victims of the terrorist suicide bombing attacks that occurred on May 16, 2003, in Casablanca, Morocco.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2003

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mr. JOHN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on May 16, 2003, Casablanca, Morocco, was struck by a series of terrorist suicide bombing attacks that took the lives of many innocent individuals;

Whereas 42 people died as a result of the terrorist attacks and more than 100 people were injured;

Whereas Casablanca is a city well-known for its tolerance and its diverse range of religious and ethnic communities;

Whereas the United States will continue to stand together with the Kingdom of Morocco against the threat of inter-

national terrorism to both our nations and all peace-loving people;

Whereas the United States deeply appreciates the leadership shown by King Mohamed VI and the Kingdom of Morocco in the international campaign against terrorism;

Whereas Morocco and the United States have engaged in friendly diplomatic relations since 1786 and Morocco has proved its commitment to the United States many times over the past two centuries;

Whereas Morocco, which hosts the largest Voice of America facility in the world, has chosen the path of diversity and tolerance; and

Whereas the acts of murder committed on May 16, 2003, in Casablanca, Morocco, show once again that terrorism respects neither boundaries nor borders: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) offers its condolences and deepest sympathy
3 to the families of the victims of the terrorist suicide
4 bombing attacks that occurred on May 16, 2003, in
5 Casablanca, Morocco, and expresses its hopes for a
6 quick recovery to those individuals who were injured
7 in the attacks;

8 (2) supports the provision of appropriate
9 United States assistance to the people of Morocco in
10 this time of sorrow and grief; and

1 (3) calls on the United States Government to
2 continue to work with the Kingdom of Morocco as
3 an ally in the fight against terrorism.

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