

**Calendar No. 508**109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**H. CON. RES. 408**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2006

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan.

Whereas twenty-four Canadian citizens were killed as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States;

Whereas the people of Gander, Newfoundland, provided food, clothing, and shelter to thousands of stranded passengers and temporary aircraft parking to thirty-nine planes diverted from United States airspace as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States;

Whereas the Government of Canada, as led by former Prime Ministers Jean Jacques Chrétien and Paul Martin and continued by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has pro-

vided humanitarian, diplomatic, and security personnel on the invitation of the Government of Afghanistan since 2001;

Whereas Canada has pledged \$650,000,000 in development aid to Afghanistan;

Whereas Afghanistan is Canada's largest recipient of bilateral development aid;

Whereas Canada has stationed approximately 2,300 defense personnel who comprise Task Force Afghanistan, in order to improve security in southern Afghanistan, particularly in the province of Kandahar;

Whereas Canada has over 70 diplomatic officers worldwide who are dedicated to growing democracy and equality in Afghanistan;

Whereas at least seventeen Canadians have given the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror;

Whereas Canada's commitment to the Government of Afghanistan, under the leadership of Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, was due to expire in February 2007;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Canadian Government led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper requested that the Canadian House of Commons extend Canada's commitment in the Global War on Terror;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Canadian Parliament voted to extend peace and security operations in Afghanistan until 2009, to increase its development assistance by \$310 million, and to build a permanent and secure embassy in Afghanistan to replace its current facility; and

Whereas this was the latest sign of the renewed commitment of numerous United States allies in the Global War on Terror: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) commends the Government of Canada for  
4       its renewed and long-term commitment to the Global  
5       War on Terror;

6           (2) commends the leadership of former Cana-  
7       dian Prime Ministers Jean Jacques Chrétien and  
8       Paul Martin and current Prime Minister Stephen  
9       Harper for their steadfast commitment to democ-  
10      racy, human rights, and freedom throughout the  
11      world;

12          (3) commends the Government of Canada for  
13      working to secure a democratic and equal Afghani-  
14      stan;

15          (4) commends the Government of Canada's  
16      commitment to reducing poverty, aiding the counter-  
17      narcotics efforts through counterterrorism and  
18      counterinsurgency campaigns, and ensuring a peace-  
19      ful and terror-free Afghanistan;

20          (5) commends the Government of Canada for  
21      its three-pronged commitment to Afghanistan: diplo-  
22      macy, development, and defense; and

1           (6) expresses the gratitude and appreciation of  
2           the United States for Canada's enduring friendship  
3           and leadership in the Global War on Terror in Af-  
4           ghanistan.

Passed the House of Representatives June 13, 2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*



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