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H. RES. 639

Commending the actions of the Government of Germany and its cooperation with United States intelligence agencies in preventing a large-scale terrorist attack against locations in Germany, including sites frequented by Americans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Commending the actions of the Government of Germany and its cooperation with United States intelligence agencies in preventing a large-scale terrorist attack against locations in Germany, including sites frequented by Americans.

Whereas on September 4, 2007, German police arrested three people for planning large-scale terrorist attacks against locations in Germany, including sites frequented by Americans;

Whereas possible targets included Ramstein Air Base, which serves as headquarters for United States Air Forces in Europe and is also a North Atlantic Treaty Organization

installation, and Frankfurt Airport, the third largest airport in Europe;

Whereas according to German authorities, the three suspects belonged to a German cell of Islamic Jihad Union, a radical Sunni group based in Central Asia with links to Al Qaeda;

Whereas 300 police and other law enforcement officials were involved in the investigation and 41 homes across Germany were raided in a highly well-planned operation;

Whereas German and United States authorities worked closely together in the investigation;

Whereas United States intelligence agencies reportedly provided critical information that alerted their German counterparts as to the travels of the suspects between Germany and Pakistan and the suspects' affiliation with the Islamic Jihad Union;

Whereas German authorities acted swiftly and decisively to prevent a horrific attack that could have come within days of the arrests;

Whereas the successful collaborative action by United States and German authorities prevented the possible deaths of many innocent people;

Whereas Germany and the United States have been close allies in the global war against terrorism;

Whereas the law enforcement, intelligence, and military organizations in Germany and the United States continue to work together to win the global war against terrorism;

Whereas the threat of terrorism is a grave concern for all nations, regardless of geographical or other boundaries;

Whereas on September 4, 2007, just hours before the arrests in Germany, authorities in Denmark apprehended eight men with links to Al Qaeda on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack involving explosives;

Whereas acts of terror have profoundly affected citizens of many different countries across the globe; and

Whereas victory in the global war against terrorism is necessary to preserve the liberty and ensure the safety of all people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends the efforts of German law enforcement authorities in preventing a large-scale terrorist attack on numerous targets in Germany, including sites frequented by Americans;

6 (2) recognizes the role of United States intelligence agencies in providing critical information to German authorities in their investigation and apprehension of the suspected terrorists;

10 (3) commends the intelligence community of Germany for its outstanding work in identifying the persons seeking to carry out this terrorist plot;

13 (4) condemns those individuals who would use acts of violence against innocent civilians to spread a message of hate and intolerance;

16 (5) urges the allies of the United States in the global war against terrorism to remain steadfast in their efforts to defeat international terrorism; and

1 (6) expresses its readiness to provide any nec-
2 essary assistance to the Government of Germany in
3 its counter-terrorism efforts and to bring to justice
4 those individuals involved in this terrorist plot.

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