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# H. RES. 240

Commending President Barack Obama and the men and women of the military and intelligence agencies (JSOC) for the successful completion of the operation that led to the death of Osama bin Laden.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. DICKS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. REYES, Mr. JONES, Mr. LANCE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. WEST, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HOYER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. BASS of California, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SHULER, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. BOREN, Mr. BARROW, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. RANGEL, and Ms. BERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select) and Homeland Security, 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

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## RESOLUTION

Commending President Barack Obama and the men and women of the military and intelligence agencies (JSOC) for the successful completion of the operation that led to the death of Osama bin Laden.

Whereas the President's leadership, resolve, and perseverance led to the killing of Osama bin Laden, the man and symbol of evil behind the September 11 terrorists attacks;

Whereas the death of Osama bin Laden has been a crowning moment in our Nation's war against terrorism and has sent a clear and significant message to terrorists around the world that the United States will not cease in our pursuit of justice for those terrorists who seek to do harm to this Nation and its citizens;

Whereas following the death of Osama bin Laden, the family and friends who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks on September 11 are able to achieve a greater sense of comfort and closure;

Whereas after months of meetings with the National Security Council and intelligence officials, led by President Obama who directed intelligence officials to zero in on Osama bin Laden's whereabouts, intelligence officials devised and carried out a clandestine operation which had frequently been rehearsed in an effort to minimize casualties, both civilian and military;

Whereas as Commander-in-Chief, President Obama gave the final authorization to commence the operation to capture or kill the most wanted terrorist in a manner that would provide proof that the right man was captured or killed;

Whereas the highly trained and brave members of the Navy Seal Team and intelligence officials that entered the compound did so under the highest levels of patriotism and service to the United States of America, and they were successfully able to identify and kill Osama bin Laden with no military losses and minimal civilian casualties;

Whereas upon hearing the news of Osama bin Laden’s death, there was an incredible outpouring of unity and defiance of the terrorists who still seek to destroy our free way of life, and there was an impressive show of unity amongst lawmakers regardless of party affiliation; and

Whereas President Bill Clinton led the Nation during the terrorists’ attacks on the USS Cole, United States embassies, and the first attack on the World Trade Center and President George W. Bush led the Nation during the September 11 terrorist attacks, and both leaders pledged to defend freedom and seek justice for the horrendous attacks on the United States of America, and President Obama had the strength and wherewithal to see that pledge through to fulfillment: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) congratulates President Obama on his suc-  
3       cessful policies in the war on terror and in homeland  
4       security; and

5               (2) congratulates the Navy Seals and all of the  
6       men and women of the armed forces and intelligence  
7       agencies that contributed to the successful imple-  
8       mentation of the mission that led to the death of  
9       Osama bin Laden.

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