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Establishing a select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CRAVAACK, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. KING of Iowa) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 There is hereby established a select Committee to in-
4 vestigate and report on the attack on the American con-
5 sulate in Benghazi, Libya (hereinafter referred to as the
6 “select committee”).

1 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

2 (a) The select committee shall be composed of 17
3 members as follows:

4 (1) The chair and ranking member of the Com-
5 mittee on Armed Services (or a designee from
6 among the members of that committee).

7 (2) The chair and ranking member of the Com-
8 mittee on Foreign Affairs (or a designee from
9 among the members of that committee).

10 (3) The chair and ranking member of the Per-
11 manent Select Committee on Intelligence (or a des-
12 ignee from among the members of that committee).

13 (4) The chair and ranking member of the Com-
14 mittee on the Judiciary (or a designee from among
15 the members of that committee).

16 (5) The chair and ranking member of the Com-
17 mittee on Oversight and Government Reform (or a
18 designee from among the members of that com-
19 mittee).

20 (6) Five Members appointed by the Speaker.

21 (7) Two Members appointed by the Speaker
22 after consultation with the minority leader.

23 If the chair or ranking member of any such committee
24 declines to serve on the select committee, then the Speaker
25 in the case of a chair, or the Speaker after consultation
26 with the minority leader in the case of a ranking member,

1 shall designate the member or members from that com-
2 mittee to serve on the select committee.

3 (b) The Speaker shall designate one member as chair-
4 man and the minority leader shall designate one member
5 as the ranking minority member of the select committee.

6 **SEC. 3. INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON THE ATTACK ON**
7 **THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN**
8 **BENGAZI, LIBYA.**

9 Not later than 90 days after the initial meeting of
10 the select committee, the select committee shall conduct
11 an investigation of and submit to the House a report on—

12 (1) any intelligence known to the United States
13 relating to the attack on the United States consulate
14 in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012;

15 (2) any requests for additional security, or ac-
16 tions taken by Federal agencies to improve security
17 at the consulate before the attack;

18 (3) a definitive timeline of the attack;

19 (4) how the relevant agencies and the executive
20 branch responded to the attack and whether appro-
21 priate congressional notifications were made;

22 (5) any improper conduct by officials relating to
23 the attack;

1 (6) recommendations on what steps Congress
2 and the President should take to prevent future at-
3 tack; and

4 (7) any other relevant issues relating to the at-
5 tack or the response to the attack.

6 **SEC. 4. PROCEDURES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.**

7 Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives,
8 including clause 2(j)(1) (guaranteeing the minority addi-
9 tional witnesses) and clause 2(m)(3) (providing for the au-
10 thority to subpoena witnesses and documents), shall apply
11 to the select committee.

12 **SEC. 5. JOINT OPERATIONS.**

13 The chair of the select committee, in conducting the
14 investigation described in section 3, may consult with the
15 chair of any Senate committee conducting a parallel inves-
16 tigation regarding meeting jointly to receive testimony, the
17 scheduling of hearings or issuance of subpoenas, and joint
18 staff interviews of key witnesses.

19 **SEC. 6. STAFF; FUNDING.**

20 (a)(1) To the extent practicable, the select committee
21 shall utilize the services of staff of employing entities of
22 the House. At the request of the chair in consultation with
23 the ranking minority member, staff of employing entities
24 of the House may be detailed to the select committee to

1 carry out this resolution and shall be deemed to be staff
2 of the select committee.

3 (2) The chair, upon consultation with the ranking mi-
4 nority member, may employ and fix the compensation of
5 such staff as the chair considers necessary to carry out
6 this resolution.

7 (b) There are authorized to be appropriated from the
8 applicable accounts of the House such sums as may be
9 necessary to carry out this resolution. Payments for the
10 expenses of the select committee shall be made on vouch-
11 ers signed by the chairman and approved in the manner
12 directed by the Committee on House Administration.
13 Amounts made available under this subsection shall be ex-
14 pended in accordance with regulations prescribed by the
15 Committee on House Administration.

16 **SEC. 7. DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

17 (a) The select committee shall cease to exist 30 days
18 after filing the report required under section 3.

19 (b) Upon dissolution of the select committee, the
20 records of the select committee shall become the records
21 of any committee designated by the Speaker.

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