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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2015

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CRUZ, and Ms. AYOTTE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bringing Terrorists
5 to Justice Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REWARDS AUTHORIZED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Rewards
3 for Justice program authorized under section 36(b) of the
4 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
5 U.S.C. 2708(b)), the Secretary of State shall offer a re-
6 ward to any individual who furnishes information leading
7 to the arrest or conviction in any country of any individual
8 for committing, conspiring or attempting to commit, or
9 aiding or abetting in the commission of—

10 (1) the kidnapping and murder of James Foley,
11 Peter Kassig, Steven Sotloff, or Kayla Mueller; or

12 (2) the kidnapping and murder, on or after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, of any other cit-
14 izen of the United States by a foreign terrorist orga-
15 nization.

16 (b) LIMITATIONS.—

17 (1) AFFILIATES OF FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGA-
18 NIZATIONS.—The Secretary of State shall not offer
19 a reward under subsection (a) in connection with the
20 kidnapping and murder of a citizen of the United
21 States described in subsection (a)(2) who the Sec-
22 retary of State determines was affiliated with or
23 supportive of a foreign terrorist organization.

24 (2) TOTAL AWARDS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL.—The
25 total amount of rewards offered under subsection (a)
26 in connection with the kidnapping and murder of

1 any one of the individuals named in such subsection
2 or any other citizen of the United States described
3 in such subsection may not exceed \$5,000,000.

4 (c) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—The term
5 “foreign terrorist organization” means an organization
6 designated by the Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist
7 organization in accordance with section 219 of the Immi-
8 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

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