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Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Manchester, United Kingdom, on May 22, 2017, expressing heartfelt condolences, and reaffirming unwavering support for the special relationship between our peoples and nations in the wake of these attacks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2017

Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. KEATING, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. DENT, and Mr. GOODLATTE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Manchester, United Kingdom, on May 22, 2017, expressing heartfelt condolences, and reaffirming unwavering support for the special relationship between our peoples and nations in the wake of these attacks.

Whereas, on May 22, 2017, a terrorist triggered improvised explosive devices at the Manchester Arena following the conclusion of a concert by American recording artist Ariana Grande;

Whereas the blasts took the lives of at least 22 people, and seriously injured 59, many of whom were children;

Whereas British officials are continuing to investigate the bombing to determine whether it was perpetrated by a lone individual or by a terrorist network;

Whereas, on May 23, 2017, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the attacks and threatened further attacks;

Whereas the horrific attack at the Manchester Arena is the latest in a series of deadly assaults by ISIS in Europe in recent years;

Whereas British first responders reacted swiftly and heroically, taking immediate measures to secure the area and care for the wounded in ways that prevented further loss of life;

Whereas Prime Minister Theresa May stated on May 23, 2017, that “all acts of terrorism are cowardly attacks on innocent people but this attack stands out for its appalling, sickening cowardice, deliberately targeting innocent, defenseless children and young people” and paid tribute to “the spirit of Manchester and the spirit of Britain, a spirit that through years of conflict and terrorism has never been broken and will never be broken.”;

Whereas President Donald Trump condemned those who perpetrated the attack and offered any and all assistance to the United Kingdom as it investigates the attack and works to bring the terrorists to justice; and

Whereas the United Kingdom has been a steadfast ally to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the recent terrorist attacks in

3 Manchester, United Kingdom, on May 22, 2017,

1 that resulted in the tragic loss of 22 innocent lives
2 and extends its deepest sympathies to all those af-
3 fected by this tragedy;

4 (2) reaffirms the American commitment to the
5 special relationship with the United Kingdom, and
6 supports the efforts of the British Government to
7 bring all those involved with this heinous attack to
8 justice;

9 (3) appreciates the significant efforts by the
10 United Kingdom to combat terrorism;

11 (4) recognizes the persistent and growing threat
12 posed by Islamist terrorist groups worldwide, and re-
13 affirms the commitment of the United States to the
14 multilateral, global fight against such violent extrem-
15 ists; and

16 (5) remains committed to the defense of uni-
17 versal democratic values.

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