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S. RES. 861

Remembering the December 6, 2019, terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola and commemorating those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, in the line of duty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 6, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. OSSOFF, and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Remembering the December 6, 2019, terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola and commemorating those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, in the line of duty.

Whereas December 6, 2022, the 3-year anniversary of the terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola (referred to in this preamble as the “terrorist attack”), is a day of commemoration for those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, during the terrorist attack, including—

(1) Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson of Enterprise, Alabama;

(2) Petty Officer Third Class Mohammed Sameh Haitham of St. Petersburg, Florida; and

(3) Petty Officer Third Class Cameron Scott Walters of Richmond Hill, Georgia;

Whereas the 3 servicemembers who died in the terrorist attack were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart;

Whereas the terrorist who committed the terrorist attack was a Saudi Arabian foreign military student who had been radicalized and established contacts with Al Qaeda operatives prior to attending flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola;

Whereas Naval Air Station Pensacola security forces and Escambia County, Florida, law enforcement officers took decisive action to end the terrorist attack and have rightly earned the praises and awards bestowed upon them;

Whereas 2 civilians were awarded the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Medal for Valor for their heroic actions during the terrorist attack;

Whereas 8 individuals were awarded the Purple Heart, or the law enforcement equivalent, for injuries sustained during the terrorist attack;

Whereas 9 military personnel were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for their heroic actions during the terrorist attack;

Whereas 8 military personnel were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for their heroic actions during the terrorist attack;

Whereas 8 law enforcement officers were awarded the Medal of Valor for their actions taken during the terrorist attack; and

Whereas December 6, 2022, marks 3 years since the lives of 3 military personnel were tragically cut short by the egre-

gious act of terrorism at Naval Air Station Pensacola:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns the December 6, 2019, terrorist
3 attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola (referred to
4 in this resolution as the “terrorist attack”);

5 (2) commemorates in sorrow the
6 servicemembers and civilians who lost their lives, or
7 who were injured, and the harm caused to the sur-
8 rounding community, as a result of the terrorist at-
9 tack;

10 (3) remembers Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson,
11 Petty Officer Third Class Mohammed Sameh
12 Haitham, and Petty Officer Third Class Cameron
13 Scott Walters, who were killed in the terrorist at-
14 tack;

15 (4) expresses gratitude for the heroic actions
16 that the civilians, uniformed personnel, and law en-
17 forcement performed during and in the aftermath of
18 the terrorist attack;

19 (5) lauds the decision to give medals and
20 awards to the law enforcement officers, uniformed
21 servicemembers, and civilians who responded hero-
22 ically on the morning of December 6, 2019; and

23 (6) commends the efforts undertaken by the
24 Department of Defense to enhance security at mili-

- 1 tary installations to ensure that the tragedy rep-
- 2 resented by the terrorist attack is never repeated.

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