
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE UNITED STATES NAVY SEALS FOR
SUCCESSFULLY NEUTRALIZING THE WORLD'S MOST WANTED
TERRORIST.

1 WHEREAS, terrorism is defined as the systematic use of
2 terror especially as a means of coercion, and is most often used
3 against those who are unable to defend themselves resulting in
4 countless deaths and numerous injuries; and
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6 WHEREAS, on February 26, 1993 terrorists drove a truck into
7 the parking garage of the North Tower of the World Trade Center
8 detonating a bomb that took the lives of seven innocent people;
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11 WHEREAS, on August 7, 1998 terrorists conducted a planned
12 assault on the US Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and
13 Nairobi, Kenya resulting in the deaths of over 200 local
14 nationals, and 12 US citizens; and
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16 WHEREAS, adopted unanimously by the United Nations Security
17 Council on August 13, 1998, Resolution 1189 condemned the
18 terrorist attacks in Africa; and
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20 WHEREAS, in retaliation for the assault on US Embassies in
21 Africa, the United States launched Operation Infinite Reach, a
22 coordinated cruise missile attack on terrorist bases in
23 Afghanistan which took place on August 20, 1998; and
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25 WHEREAS, on October 12, 2000 terrorists attacked the USS
26 Cole while she was refueling in the port of Aden, Yemen
27 resulting in the deaths of 17 American sailors; and
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29 WHEREAS, at 8:46 AM on September 11, 2001, American
30 Airlines Flight 11 slammed into the North Tower of the World



1 Trade Center instantly killing all 87 passengers and crew
2 aboard; and
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4 WHEREAS, at 9:06 AM on September 11, 2001, United Airlines
5 Flight 175 slammed into the South Tower of the World Trade
6 Center instantly killing all 60 passengers and crew aboard; and
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8 WHEREAS, at 9:37 AM on September 11, 2001, American
9 Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, instantly killing
10 all those aboard, and taking the lives of 125 military personnel
11 and Pentagon staff; and
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13 WHEREAS, at 10:03 AM on September 11, 2001, United Airlines
14 Flight 93 crashed into a Pennsylvania field after passengers
15 heroically attempted to regain control of their hijacked
16 airplane; and
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18 WHEREAS, the subsequent collapse of the North and South
19 Towers of the World Trade Center took the lives of almost 2,600
20 people, citizens of 90 countries, resulting in the largest death
21 toll on American soil and larger than the attack on Pearl Harbor
22 and related military facilities on December 7, 1941; and
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24 WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks on the United States of
25 September 11, 2001 resulted in the deaths almost 3,000 people,
26 and thrust the United States into a new era of domestic security
27 recognizing that the risk of terrorist attacks on our soil and
28 elsewhere was very real; and
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30 WHEREAS, on October 7, 2001, in response to the attacks of
31 September 11, 2001, armed forces of the United States along with
32 her allies launched Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan,
33 commencing the Global War on Terrorism in order neutralize the
34 Taliban and eliminate Al-Qaeda; and
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36 WHEREAS, on October 12, 2002 terrorists bombed sites in
37 Bali, Indonesia killing 202 people making it the deadliest
38 attack in the history of Indonesia; and
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1 WHEREAS, on May 12, 2003 terrorists conducted suicide
2 attacks in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia resulting in the loss of 35
3 lives; and
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5 WHEREAS, on November 15, and November 23, 2003 terrorists
6 conducted suicide bombings in Istanbul, Turkey, killing 57, and
7 injuring hundreds; and
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9 WHEREAS, on July 7, 2005 terrorists conducted suicide
10 attacks on the London Underground and public transportation
11 system resulting in the deaths of 52 people and injuring nearly
12 700 others; and
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14 WHEREAS, the reality of the terrorist attacks referenced in
15 the clauses above represent the global nature and scope of Al-
16 Qaeda and their cognizant ability to indiscriminately murder
17 thousands of civilians worldwide; and
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19 WHEREAS, these heinous attacks were conducted under the
20 guidance and leadership of the most senior leader of Al-Qaeda,
21 Osama bin Laden, the world's most wanted terrorist; and
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23 WHEREAS, on April 29, 2011, in pursuit of supporting and
24 defending the Constitution of the United States against all
25 enemies, foreign and domestic, US Naval Special Warfare
26 Operators, popularly referred to as Navy SEALs from the Naval
27 Special Warfare Development Group under the command of the Joint
28 Special Operations Command, successfully conducted a raid in
29 Abbottabad, Pakistan, neutralizing and eliminating the world's
30 most wanted terrorist; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
34 of 2011, honors and commends the United States Navy SEALs and
35 other special warfare operators for successfully neutralizing
36 the world's most wanted terrorist; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives
39 mourns the victims of terrorist attacks worldwide, and honors
40 the sacrifices of all members of the armed forces of the United
41 States during the Global War on Terrorism; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;
 3 Governor of the State of Hawaii; Secretary of the Navy; Chief of
 4 Naval Operations; Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; Commander,
 5 U.S. Special Operations Command; Commander, Naval Special
 6 Warfare Command; and Commander, Naval Special Warfare
 7 Development Group.
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