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S. RES. 132

Commending Captain O'Grady and United States and NATO Forces.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 9 (legislative day, JUNE 5), 1995

Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. PELL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. FORD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BUMPERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMS, and Mr. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending Captain O'Grady and United States and NATO Forces.

Whereas on June 2, 1995, Bosnian Serb forces using sophisticated surface to air missiles shot down a United States Air Force F-16 aircraft piloted by Captain Scott F. O'Grady while on combat patrol as part of NATO-commanded Operation Deny Flight;

Whereas in late 1994, reports indicate the United Nations vetoed NATO proposed operations to attack Bosnian Serb surface to air missile sites;

Whereas effective measures to defend against Bosnian Serb air defenses did not occur during Captain O'Grady's mission on June 2, 1995;

Whereas thousands of United States Armed Forces and armed forces of NATO allies were involved in search operations to recover Captain O'Grady;

Whereas Captain O'Grady, in the finest tradition of American military service, survived for six days and nights through courage, ingenuity and skill in territory occupied by hostile Bosnian Serb forces;

Whereas on June 8, 1995, Captain O'Grady was rescued in a daring operation by United States Marines; and

Whereas aircraft involved in the rescue operation were attacked by Serb forces but no casualties occurred: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) Captain O'Grady deserves the respect and
3 admiration of all Americans for his heroic conduct
4 under life-threatening circumstances;

5 (2) the relief and happiness felt by the family
6 of Captain O'Grady is shared by the United States
7 Senate;

8 (3) all members of the United States and
9 NATO armed forces involved in the search and res-
10 cue operations, in particular the members of the
11 United States Marines Corps involved in the extrac-
12 tion of Captain O'Grady, are to be commended for
13 their brave efforts and devotion to duty; and

1 (4) United States and NATO air crews should
2 not be put at risk in future operations over Bosnia
3 unless all necessary actions to address the threat
4 posed by hostile Serbian air defenses are taken.

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