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H. RES. 1461

Recognizing the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the memorializing of the citizens and families of the United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost and injured as a result of these attacks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia (for himself and Mr. BERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on August 7, 1998, there were near simultaneous vehicular bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania;

Whereas the bombs detonated at the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were an act of terrorism masterminded by Osama bin Laden

and perpetrated by members of al Qaeda as a conspiracy to kill United States citizens;

Whereas although the bombs detonated before reaching their primary destination, the effects of the bombs were still widespread and catastrophic to the people of the Republic of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the United States;

Whereas at least 213 people died in the Nairobi, Kenya, bombing, approximately 5,000 people were injured, and the majority of those killed and injured were Kenya nationals;

Whereas in the Nairobi bombing, the victims included 14 United States citizens, 13 Foreign Service Nationals, and 2 United States Government contractors;

Whereas the Nairobi bombing victims included employees of the United States Government, and a family member of an employee of the United States Government, namely—

(1) the following United States citizens: Nathan Aliganga, Julian Bartley, Sr., Julian Bartley, Jr., Jean Dalizu, Molly Hardy, Kenneth Hobson, Prabhi Kavalier, Arlene Kirk, Dr. Mary Louise Martin, Michelle O'Connor, Sherry Olds, and Uttamlal (Tom) Shah;

(2) the following Foreign Service Nationals: Chrispin W. Bonyo, Lawrence A. Gitau, Hindu O. Idi, Tony Irungu, Geoffrey Kalio, G. Joel Kamau, Lucy N. Karigi, Francis M. Kibe, Joe Kiongo, Dominic Kithuva, Peter K. Macharia, Francis W. Maina, Cecelia Mamboleo, Lydia M. Mayaka, Francis Mbugua Ndungu, Kimeu N. Nganga, Francis Mbogo Njunge, Vincent Nyoike, Francis Olewe Ochilo, Maurice Okach, Edwin A.O. Omori, Lucy G. Onono, Evans K. Onsongo, Eric Onyango, Sellah Caroline Opati, Rachel M. Pussy, Farhat M. Sheikh,

Phaedra Vrontamitis, Adams T. Wamai, Frederick M. Yafes; and

(3) the following United States Government contractors: Moses Namayi and Josiah Odero Owuor;

Whereas 85 people were injured in the Dar es Salaam bombing, including 2 United States citizens and 5 Foreign Service Nationals;

Whereas 1 Foreign Service National working at the Dar es Salaam embassy, Saidi Rogarth, is still listed by the Department of State as missing;

Whereas 11 people were killed in the Dar es Salaam bombing, including—

(1) Yusuf Ndange, a Foreign Service National; and

(2) the following United States Government contractors: Abdulrahaman Abdalla, Paul E. Elisha, Abdalla Mnyola, Abbas William Mwillla, Bakari Nyumbu, Mtendeje Rajabu, Ramadhani Mahundi, and Dotto Ramadhani;

Whereas security guards at both embassies acted bravely on the day of the bombings, protecting the lives and property of citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania;

Whereas the outpouring of aid and assistance from the people and Governments of Kenya and Tanzania was widespread and greatly appreciated by the people of the United States;

Whereas Congress provided emergency supplemental appropriations of \$50,000,000 as economic aid to Kenya and Tanzania as compensation to the bombing victim families and for reconstruction of the damaged structures surrounding the embassies;

Whereas the structural damages in Nairobi alone exceeded \$500,000,000;

Whereas the people and economies of Kenya and Tanzania are still recovering and rebuilding from the terror attacks intended to kill United States citizens;

Whereas Congress wishes to recognize the sacrifices of Foreign Service Nationals, Foreign Service employees, and locally employed staff who died as a result of injuries suffered abroad;

Whereas in the 110th Congress the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2828 (the Foreign Service Victims of Terrorism Act of 2007) to provide compensation to the families of those who died in the Nairobi attack;

Whereas the United States Government is partnering with the people and Governments of Kenya and Tanzania to help both countries obtain a more democratic future;

Whereas 12 of the suspects indicted in the case have either been killed, captured, or are serving life sentences without parole;

Whereas in June 1999, Osama bin Laden was placed on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's most wanted terrorist list for his connection to the bombings; and

Whereas the United States Government continues to search for the remaining suspects, including Osama bin Laden:
Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the historic significance of the
- 3 10th anniversary of the al Qaeda bombings of the

1 United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar
2 es Salaam, Tanzania;

3 (2) memorializes the citizens and families of the
4 United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the
5 United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost
6 and injured as a result of these attacks;

7 (3) mourns the loss of those who lost their lives
8 in these tragic and senseless attacks, especially those
9 who were employed by the embassies;

10 (4) remembers the families and colleagues of
11 the victims whose lives have been forever changed by
12 the loss endured on August 7, 1998;

13 (5) expresses its deepest gratitude to the people
14 of Kenya and Tanzania for their gracious contribu-
15 tions and assistance following these attacks;

16 (6) reaffirms its support for the people of
17 Kenya and Tanzania in striving for future oppor-
18 tunity, democracy, and prosperity; and

19 (7) reaffirms its resolve to defeat al Qaeda and
20 other terrorist organizations.

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