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Hyatt, and Days Inn hotels in Amman, Jordan, resulting in the deaths of scores of civilians and the injuries of hundreds of others;

Whereas the people and Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have been targeted in several terrorist attacks over the past few years;

Whereas Jordan has arrested suspected terrorists with possible ties to Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda organization, including suspected killers of a United States diplomat, Lawrence Foley, who headed the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) mission in Jordan but was shot on October 28, 2002, while leaving for work, marking the first lethal attack on a United States official in Jordan in more than 30 years;

Whereas Jordan is a stalwart ally of the United States in the global war on terrorism; and

Whereas on November 10, 2005, President George W. Bush expressed his heartfelt sympathies for the people of Jordan and his condolences to the families of the victims during his visit to the Embassy of Jordan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks that occurred on November 9, 2005, in Amman, Jordan;

(2) joins with President George W. Bush in expressing its condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed in the attacks and in expressing its sympathies to those individuals who have been injured;

(3) expresses solidarity and support of the people and Government of the United States with the people and Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as they recover from these cowardly and inhuman attacks; and

(4) expresses its readiness to support and assist the Jordanian authorities in their efforts to bring to justice those individuals responsible for the recent attacks in Jordan and to pursue, disrupt, undermine, and dismantle the networks which plan and carry out such attacks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Last Wednesday the world once again looked in horror at the destruction caused by Islamic extremist homicide bombers, this time in Jordan. We were compelled to act and first express our deepest condolences to the victims of this radical movement that has perverted the Koran to fit their extreme twisted ideology of hatred.

Perhaps, most importantly, we were compelled to offer every possible form

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Mr. ABERCROMBIE and Mr. PALLONE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. BEAN and Mr. JEFFERSON changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, if I were present earlier today, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1790, the Child Medication Safety Act of 2005, H. Res. 547, Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Deplorably Infringed on Parental Rights in *Fields v. Palmdale School District* and for the Adoption of the Rule for H.R. 1065, the United States Boxing Commission Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken at a later time.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ATTACKS IN JORDAN

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 546) condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks that occurred on November 9, 2005, in Amman, Jordan, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 546

Whereas on November 9, 2005, a series of terrorist bombs exploded at the Radisson,

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of cooperation in investigating these al Qaeda attacks and in assisting in efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice, led by al-Zarqawi. Jordan is our strategic ally in an international war on terror. Jordan has demonstrated its commitment to secure its borders to prevent foreign fighters from entering Iraq to attack our U.S. forces and our Coalition forces as well as innocent Iraqis. It has cooperated in providing critical information that may have helped prevent countless deaths at the hands of these Islamic extremists.

Just as critical has been Jordan's leadership in addressing the conditions that breed instability and are manipulated by the likes of al Qaeda and other Islamic extremists to recruit and advance their notorious agenda. Jordan has been a leader in reforming politically and economically for the benefit of its people serving as an example for other Arab Nations.

King Abdullah's efforts to facilitate and serve as a positive force between Israel and the Palestinians towards peace are noteworthy. Mr. Speaker, the attacks in Amman last week remove the facade that these dastardly acts by Islamic extremists are about anything other than death, destruction and hunger for power, control and continued oppression.

These attacks clearly demonstrate the callous and cowardly nature of the Islamic extremist enemy that we are facing, an enemy that is willing to bomb a wedding reception, kill innocent people of all backgrounds and injure over 100 others in order to advance their radical al Qaeda agenda.

Freedom threatens them. Al Qaeda mastermind al-Zarqawi, who is believed to be behind the bombings in Jordan last week, acknowledged in a February 17, 2004 letter to al Qaeda operatives, he says our enemy is growing stronger day after day. By God, this is suffocation. We will be on the roads again.

One of Osama bin Laden's closest associates wrote in a book published in September 2003 that a far more dangerous threat is secularist democracy. He cautions against democracy's seduction as it drives Muslims to refuse to take part in jihad.

I would like to commend the government and the people of Jordan for their courage and their commitment to true democratic reforms. Congress thanks the Jordanian people for their support in the cooperation and the aftermath of our 9/11 attacks, and we stand by Jordan as it tries to give face to this Islamic extremist movement that seeks to pervert Islam and to give Muslims worldwide a bad name.

We render our support in your efforts to bring to justice those Islamic extremist operatives, and we will continue to work together to pursue, to disrupt, to undermine and to dismantle the al Qaeda and other Islamic radical networks that have made possible the attacks like the ones in Amman on November 9.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 546 and yield myself such time as I may consume.

I first want to thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), the chairwoman for the Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, for offering this important and timely resolution.

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I would also like to acknowledge my friend and ranking member of the Middle East Subcommittee, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ACKERMAN), for his role in the crafting of the measure.

Mr. Speaker, 1 week ago today, hateful and heartless fanatics committed a vile crime against the people of Jordan. The terrorists' immediate victims were the unsuspecting guests of three hotels, in one particularly sickening case, a wedding party at the height of its celebration where both bride and groom were of the Islamic faith.

This brutal attack killed scores of civilians, injured hundreds of others, and forever scarred the hearts of the victims' loved ones. Through these heinous acts against their own brothers and sisters, the terrorists demonstrate once again that they are not merely enemies of Western Civilization but of all civilization.

But the broader target of this assault was the public of a country that has been a stalwart ally of the United States in the global war on terrorism. This is not the first time that the people of Jordan have been victimized in a terrorist attack, but it is by far the most extensive offense against innocent civilians in Jordan by ruthless fanatics since the war on terrorism began.

To their great credit, the Jordanian people are not retreating in defeat, but are declaring their defiance. They are not making excuses for these vile enemies of all mankind, but are demanding accountability. They are not cowering in their homes, but taking to the streets in protest.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution before us condemns last week's reprehensible events in Amman and expresses our solidarity with the people of Jordan. It also declares our country's readiness to support Jordanian authorities in their efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice and to eradicate the networks that plot and carry out such attacks.

As our country knows all too well after September 11, and as all others who have sustained years of wanton terrorist carnage in the name of religious fundamentalism know all too well, there can be but one response to such inhumanity: unified resolve to bring it swiftly and irreversibly to an end.

This vicious crime must also serve as a cautionary tale to those in the Arab

world who are content to stand by and watch as Iraqi security forces and American troops battle to defeat the vicious insurgency and the foreign jihadis who are indiscriminate in their slaughter.

We may be the primary targets of Zarqawi today, but he and his ilk are determined to destroy modernity and retard social and political progress throughout the Muslim world in the name of a perverted interpretation of Islam. As the carnage in Amman made clear, the war on terror is a shared endeavor in which the Arab people must play a central role in the victory over terror.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution expresses our profound outrage at this vicious attack and our profound sympathy and solidarity with our Jordanian friends at this time of their sorrow. I urge all of my colleagues to support the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY).

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for yielding me time and commend her for bringing forward this resolution, this resolution of both sorrow and outrage.

King Abdullah said it best when he expressed his country's collective outrage by declaring the world must join in the war on terror. The world must join in the war on terror.

I know at times countries are loath to engage on issues that they feel are not theirs, but we are now starting to see a global and collective problem that must be dealt with. We have seen recently in France horrific rioting in their streets, not necessarily tied to al Qaeda, but it is by a radical Muslim group that is feeling oppressed and put upon.

When I went to the Vatican for Pope John Paul's funeral, I spoke to the head of the Vatican state, the president who is a Cardinal. He suggested too one of Italy's greatest growing menaces is a gathering of radical Muslim extremists who are taking root in Italy, and he fears for the country and for the stability in the region.

Other groups like Hezbollah, al Qaeda, Islamic jihad are excited when incidents like an Amman, Jordan occur because they feel that they have us on the run.

We recognize that there are so many people of Muslim faith in the world, Arabs and others, who truly believe in peace and tranquility and the best that life has to offer for their children; but there are those who distort the Koran, as the gentlewoman has clearly suggested. They distort the meaning of the higher purposes and they use that to twist the logic and convince unsuspecting young people that in order to attain an ultimate joy in heaven that they too should commit acts of violence, of suicide.

This is a sad commentary on those innocent people who choose a desperate path of destruction based on the tutelage of someone who simply does not care. Interestingly enough, many of those who are training the suicide bombers stand aside and watch as other innocents kill themselves convinced they are doing something right. How sad that they have twisted the minds of individuals to the degree that they would not only kill themselves but kill other human beings, and they sit there and watch and celebrate after the fact.

We are joined together as the United States of America in this battle not because it is one of our choosing, but it is one we accept based on our ability to help guide and govern the world to a safer, better place for all people.

The Middle East and other places have been rocked by turmoil over decades, but now this greater and growing menace of al Qaeda threatens friends, allies and, yes, even enemies. Even people that may not agree with us on certain geo-political issues may find themselves sacrificed at the hand of this evil group of people.

So I join with King Abdullah in his declaration; and I urge Members of Congress, I know there are political and partisan battles going on, I know there is disagreement on the war in Iraq, I know there is a tendency to sit here and criticize constantly our Commander in Chief, but there is one thing for certain, if we are going to divide, we will not conquer. If we are going to criticize publicly and openly, then we will not give our troops in the field the strength to fight the battle ahead.

However and whatever reasons we came to Iraq, we now know that it is not just about Iraq. The World Trade Center bombings in 1993 and 2001 were not about our presence in Iraq, because we were not there then. Al Qaeda knows no boundaries. They know no group that they will not willingly sacrifice for their higher mission. And when they detonate a bomb in a wedding ceremony among fellow Arabs, among fellow Muslims in order to prove a point that they simply can, indicates how sad and despicable this group is.

So I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and members of the committee who found it appropriate not only to signal our displeasure but to record in the annals of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, because I know in my heart if we stand together we will, in fact, beat this scourge around the world and save humanity.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we now enjoy a tragic kinship with the people of Jordan, just as we enjoy with the people of London, the people of Madrid; and we all remember what it was like on September 11. Perhaps one of the only positive repercussions at the time was the out-

pouring of support that we enjoyed from around the world as countries around the globe expressed their solidarity with the United States in confronting this new and terrible force.

We now join the people of Jordan in their time of sorrow, in their time of need. We express our solidarity with our Jordanian friends. Our hearts break with their losses and our resolve is united with theirs to combat this terrible evil confronting the world. I want to just, in closing, once again thank our wonderful chairwoman of the subcommittee.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in supporting this Resolution, which condemns in the strongest possible terms the barbaric terrorist attacks in Jordan last Wednesday.

These attacks at three Amman hotels—including an attack on a wedding party—killed 58 innocent men, women and children, and are yet another demonstration of the uncivilized, unrepentant evil that possesses the Al Qaeda terrorist organization, which claimed responsibility. And this was, sadly, not the first time Jordan has suffered at the hands of terrorists because it maintains close relations with the West.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to commend King Abdullah for his forthright public comments after these attacks. As reported in the Washington Post today, the King stated: "What the attack did was show to everybody what we've been saying—that this is an issue of ideology and the Muslim world can no longer be complacent. People can't sit in the middle."

The fact is, the savage bombings last week in Amman were perpetrated by Muslims, who directed their hatred at Muslims.

The fact is, the entire civilized world—be they Christian, Muslim or Jew—must recognize our common interest in uniting and defeating this mortal threat to our way of life, to the democratic form of government, to basic human decency and to the rule of law.

None of us, as the King said, can be complacent.

Mr. Speaker, the people and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have been a stalwart ally in the war on terror.

And, I believe it is important today that this Congress condemn these cowardly attacks; express its condolences to the families and friends of those killed, and its sympathies to those injured; express its solidarity and support of the people and Government of Jordan; and express its readiness to assist Jordanian authorities in bringing those responsible for these outrageous attacks to justice.

I urge my colleagues to support this Resolution.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 546, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

UNITED STATES BOXING COMMISSION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 553 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1065.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1065) to establish the United States Boxing Commission to protect the general welfare of boxers and to ensure fairness in the sport of professional boxing, with Mr. SIMPSON in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall not exceed 1 hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) each will control 20 minutes, and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 1065, the United States Boxing Commission Act.

This bill will establish for the first time the United States Boxing Commission within the Department of Commerce. The USBC will be charged with overseeing licensing and registration of boxers and boxing personnel nationally to improve the current inconsistent and lack of regulation of the sport at the State and also at the local levels.

The sport of boxing with its rich and glorious history is slowly being corroded by corruption and abuse in and outside the ring.

I am no fan of bigger and more intrusive government, but in this case the power and sweep of a Federal regulator can establish a uniform minimum standard for boxing on a national level and will hopefully salvage this great sport and reestablish it as a main