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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of the United States Armed
2 Forces and intelligence community who carried out the mission
3 that killed Qasem Soleimani to protect United States
4 personnel.

5 WHEREAS, On January 3, 2020, the United States Armed Forces
6 killed terrorist leader Qasem Soleimani during the course of a
7 targeted strike against terrorists engaged in planning imminent
8 attacks against United States personnel in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, Soleimani was the leader of the Islamic
10 Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Force (IRGC-QF) terrorist
11 organization, a global terrorism threat to the United States and
12 the international community; and

13 WHEREAS, Soleimani was the architect of terrorist attacks in
14 Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries that killed hundreds of
15 United States personnel through the use of weapons and
16 improvised explosive devices provided directly by the IRGC-QF;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Soleimani planned or supported numerous other deadly

1 terrorist attacks against the United States and its allies,
2 including the 2011 plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian
3 Ambassador to the United States Adel al-Jubeir while he was in
4 the United States and the December 31, 2019, attack on the
5 United States Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, Soleimani also planned or supported terrorist
7 attacks in Germany, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Kenya, Bahrain, Turkey and
8 other countries; and

9 WHEREAS, During the administrations of Presidents George W.
10 Bush and Barack Obama, the United States Department of the
11 Treasury designated Soleimani for the imposition of sanctions
12 under Executive Order 13224 for Soleimani's role with the IRGC-
13 QF and Executive Order 13572 for Soleimani's human rights abuses
14 in Syria; and

15 WHEREAS, The valiant members of the United States Armed
16 Forces have courageously and vigorously pursued the IRGC-QF and
17 its terrorist affiliates in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the
18 world; and

19 WHEREAS, The anonymous, unsung heroes of the United States
20 intelligence community have pursued the IRGC-QF and its
21 terrorist affiliates in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world
22 with tremendous dedication, sacrifice and professionalism; and

23 WHEREAS, Although the death of Soleimani represents a
24 significant blow to the IRGC-QF and its terrorist affiliates
25 around the world, terrorism remains a critical threat to the
26 national security of the United States and this Commonwealth;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Soleimani and the IRGC-QF have provided critical
29 support to the regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria and pursued
30 the targeted killing and ethnic cleansing of hundreds of

1 thousands of Sunni Muslims across the Middle East; and

2 WHEREAS, The IRGC-QF supports terrorist organizations around
3 the world, including Kata'ib Hezbollah, the Taliban, Lebanese
4 Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Popular
5 Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command; and

6 WHEREAS, During the administrations of Presidents George W.
7 Bush and Donald J. Trump, the United States Department of the
8 Treasury designated the IRGC-QF for the imposition of sanctions
9 under Executive Order 13224 for being a terrorist organization
10 and providing material support to other terrorist organizations;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize and honor the members of
14 the United States Armed Forces and intelligence community who
15 carried out the mission that killed Qasem Soleimani to protect
16 United States personnel; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania declare that the death of Soleimani
19 represents a measure of justice and relief for the families and
20 friends of the hundreds of United States personnel who have lost
21 their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan and other people around the
22 world who have lost their lives because of terrorist attacks
23 sponsored by the IRGC-QF and planned by Soleimani; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
26 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commend all of the following:

27 (1) The members of the United States Armed Forces and
28 intelligence community for the tremendous commitment,
29 perseverance, professionalism and sacrifice they displayed in
30 disrupting imminent terrorist attacks planned by Soleimani

1 and their dedication to defeating, disrupting and dismantling
2 the IRGC-QF.

3 (2) President Trump for ordering the successful
4 operations to locate and eliminate Soleimani;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania declare that defeating, disrupting
8 and dismantling the IRGC-QF and its terrorist affiliates is
9 necessary to protect the national security of the United States
10 and this Commonwealth; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the President of the United States, the United States Secretary
13 of Defense, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and
14 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.