

The House Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs offers the following substitute to HR 882:

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the American people to support President Donald J. Trump and the brave men and
2 women of the United States Armed Forces and intelligence agencies on their successful
3 military operation that neutralized Qasem Soleimani; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Article II Section 2 of the United States Constitution states that "the President
5 shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia
6 of the several States"; and

7 WHEREAS, the primary role of the Commander in Chief of the United States is the safety
8 of America and her many citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, in his 1793 State of the Union Address, President George Washington instituted
10 America's policy of "peace through strength," stating that "if we desire peace ... it must be
11 known that we are at all times ready for war"; and

12 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan reiterated President Washington's policy when he
13 stated that "peace does not exist of its own free will. It depends on us, on our courage to build
14 it and guard it and pass it on to future generations"; and

15 WHEREAS, America has been the best guarantor of peace throughout the world for the past
16 100 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Iran has been the leading sponsor of terrorism since 1979, and their pursuit of
18 nuclear weapons threatens all free peoples of the world; and

19 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush designated Iran as a pivotal part of the "Axis of Evil"
20 that "aggressively pursues these weapons and exports terror while an unelected few repress
21 the Iranian people's hope for freedom"; and

22 WHEREAS, Qasem Soleimani was the world's most prolific terrorist, personally culpable
23 for the deaths of over 600 Americans and the maiming of thousands more, including the
24 torture and killing of tens of thousands of people across the Middle East; and

25 WHEREAS, Qasem Soleimani was personally sanctioned by the United Nations and the
26 European Union and was designated a terrorist by the United States of America; and

27 WHEREAS, Qasem Soleimani trained terrorist armies throughout the region, breeding death
28 and chaos in Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen, as well as in many other
29 nations; and

30 WHEREAS, Qasem Soleimani "was actively developing plans to attack American diplomats
31 and service members in Iraq and throughout the region," according to the United States
32 Department of Defense; and

33 WHEREAS, the killing of Qasem Soleimani was a monumental achievement in the War on
34 Terror, sending a clear message that the United States of America will not allow her citizens
35 to be attacked by terrorists without retaliation.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body urge the American people to support President Donald J. Trump
38 and the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces and intelligence agencies
39 on their successful military operation that neutralized the foremost terrorist in the world.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 public and the press.