

H. Res. 412

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 7, 2002.

Whereas since the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, the Government and people of Canada have offered their steadfast support to the United States in the international war against terrorism;

Whereas this support is in defense of the values that define and unite the United States and Canada;

Whereas the Government of Canada has also provided significant military support to the international war against terrorism, first deploying troops to Afghanistan in October 2001;

Whereas on January 7, 2002, the Government of Canada announced it would be sending an additional 750 troops to Afghanistan from the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group to support the coalition against terrorism;

Whereas on April 17, 2002, 4 Canadian soldiers from that battalion were killed and 8 others were wounded in a friendly-fire incident in southern Afghanistan;

Whereas the Canadian soldiers who lost their lives were Sergeant Marc D. Leger of Lancaster, Ontario, Corporal Ainsworth Dyer of Montreal, Quebec, Private Richard A.

Green of Edmonton, Alberta, and Private Nathan Smith of Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia;

Whereas the people of the United States value the friendship and goodwill of the people of Canada; and

Whereas President Bush has offered his sorrow and sympathy to the Government and people of Canada for this tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) praises the performance and heroism of Canadian soldiers;

(2) extends its regret and sympathy to the families of the 4 Canadian soldiers who lost their lives and others who suffered injury on April 17, 2002, in a friendly-fire incident in southern Afghanistan, and to the Government and people of Canada for their loss; and

(3) reaffirms the Nation's appreciation for Canada's strong support and commitment to the war against terrorism.

Attest:

Clerk.