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H. RES. 379

Condemning the terror attacks on government buildings in Oslo, Norway, and a youth camp on Utøya Island, Norway, on July 22, 2011, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. MICHAUD, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SIRES, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. COHEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning the terror attacks on government buildings in Oslo, Norway, and a youth camp on Utøya Island, Norway, on July 22, 2011, and for other purposes.

Whereas, on July 22, 2011, as many as eight people were brutally killed when government buildings were bombed in Oslo, Norway;

Whereas, also on July 22, 2011, as many as 68 people, a majority of them children, were brutally killed when a youth camp was attacked on Utøya Island, Norway;

Whereas, also on July 22, 2011, as many as 96 people were injured by these dual terror attacks;

Whereas these twin attacks brought horrific violence, pain, and suffering upon innocent Norwegians and their families;

Whereas the Norwegian Government and people have condemned the terrorist attacks and called the events an “atrocity”, a “nightmare”, and a “national tragedy”;

Whereas Norway is recognized around the world as a country that is both peaceful and peace-seeking;

Whereas Oslo, Norway, is home to the Norwegian Nobel Committee which annually selects winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, an award that celebrates individuals who promote peace, tolerance, and good will around the world;

Whereas Norway was a founding member of the United Nations in 1945 and a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1949;

Whereas Norway has for years offered safe haven to refugees and the politically persecuted from around the world;

Whereas over 4,500,000 Americans of Norwegian ancestry now reside in the United States, with the State of Minnesota being home to the largest number of people of Norwegian heritage outside of Norway itself;

Whereas the influence of Norwegian culture can be found throughout Minnesota and the United States and the bonds between Norwegians and Americans remain strong;

Whereas Norway’s Foreign Minister, Jonas Gahr Støre, remarked, “The nature of the Norwegian democracy will not change. Norway will continue to stand for engage-

ment in the world where we commit our resources and our convictions”;

Whereas President Barack Obama remarked, “It’s a reminder that the entire international community has a stake in preventing this kind of terror from occurring”;

Whereas, on July 25, 2011, there was a moment of silence throughout Norway and other Nordic countries, followed by a memorial of more than 150,000 outside Oslo’s City Hall for a “Rose March” in which participants carried white or red roses; and

Whereas Crown Prince Haakon of Norway told those gathered at the memorial “Tonight the streets are filled with love”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns in the strongest terms the senseless terrorist attacks that occurred in Norway on
3 July 22, 2011, causing many deaths and injuries;

4 (2) further condemns all terrorist actions motivated by hatred and religious or cultural intolerance;

5 (3) expresses deep sympathy, solidarity, and condolences to the victims of the atrocious acts, their
6 families, and the people and Government of Norway;

7 (4) emphasizes the bonds of friendship and shared heritage between the United States and Nor-
8 way;

9 (5) expresses unwavering support to the Government of Norway as it recovers from these horrific
10 attacks;

1 (6) affirms its resolve to combat all forms of
2 terrorism, both domestically and abroad; and

3 (7) calls on all nations to join together to de-
4 nounce acts of hatred and fear and promote peace
5 and tolerance around the world.

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