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House Concurrent Resolution 37

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Whereas Osama bin Laden was responsible for the deaths of 2,977 people on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas the victims include 87 people on American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. September 11, 2001; and

Whereas the victims include 60 people on United Airlines Flight 175, which crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center at 9:03 a.m. on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas 2,606 victims died in the World Trade Center attacks; and

Whereas among the victims at the World Trade Center were 343 firefighters; and

Whereas among the victims at the World Trade Center were 60 police officers from the New York City Police Department and the Port Authority Police Department; and

Whereas the victims of the attacks at the World Trade Center include citizens of over 90 countries; and

Whereas the victims include 59 people on American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m. on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas 125 victims died in the attack on the Pentagon; and

Whereas the victims include 40 people who died on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at 10:03 a.m. on September 11, 2001, after the passengers heroically fought back against the hijackers; and

Whereas Osama bin Laden was responsible for the 1998 bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killing more than 200 people and injuring more than 5,000; and

Whereas Osama bin Laden was responsible for the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, killing 17 American sailors and injuring 39; and

Whereas Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda were responsible for dozens of other terrorist attacks around the world; and

Whereas 128 Oregonians have given their lives serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces since September 11, 2001; and

Whereas 170 Oregon National Guard soldiers with the 1186th Military Police Company, based out of Salem, recently received a mobilization order for duty in Afghanistan to support "Operation Enduring Freedom"; and

Whereas we will never tolerate our security being threatened and will be relentless in defense of our citizens, friends and allies; and

Whereas we recognize that the victims of the terrorist attacks led by Osama bin Laden, and the soldiers we have lost due to our efforts to curb terrorism, still live with the consequences of Osama bin Laden's terrorist attacks; and

Whereas the death of Osama bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation's effort to defeat al Qaeda; and

Whereas the cause of securing our country is not complete and we are once again reminded that America can do whatever we set our minds to; and

Whereas we will never forget the victims of the September 11th attacks, the soldiers who sacrificed their lives defending our nation and their families; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly express our thanks and deeply held appreciation to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, our intelligence agencies, our diplomatic corps and the President of the United States for successfully bringing Osama bin Laden to justice on May 1, 2011.

Adopted by House June 1, 2011

Ramona Kenady Line, Chief Clerk of House

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 15, 2011

Peter Courtney, President of Senate