

1 tagon in Washington, D.C., and, due to heroic ef-
2 forts by civilian passengers to disrupt the terrorists,
3 near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

4 (4) Osama bin Laden planned or supported nu-
5 merous other deadly terrorist attacks against the
6 United States and its allies, including the 1998
7 bombings of United States embassies in Kenya and
8 Tanzania and the 2000 attack on the U.S.S. Cole in
9 Yemen, and against innocent civilians in countries
10 around the world, including the 2004 attack on com-
11 muter trains in Madrid, Spain and the 2005 bomb-
12 ings of the mass transit system in London, England.

13 (5) Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist
14 attacks, the United States, under President George
15 W. Bush, led an international coalition into Afghani-
16 stan to dismantle al Qaeda, deny them a safe haven
17 in Afghanistan and ungoverned areas along the Pak-
18 istani border, and bring Osama bin Laden to justice.

19 (6) President Barack Obama in 2009 com-
20 mitted additional forces and resources to efforts in
21 Afghanistan and Pakistan as “the central front in
22 our enduring struggle against terrorism and extre-
23 mism”.

24 (7) The valiant members of the United States
25 Armed Forces have courageously and vigorously pur-

1 sued al Qaeda and its affiliates in Afghanistan and
2 around the world.

3 (8) The anonymous, unsung heroes of the intel-
4 ligence community have pursued al Qaeda and affili-
5 ates in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and around the world
6 with tremendous dedication, sacrifice, and profes-
7 sionalism.

8 (9) The close collaboration between the Armed
9 Forces and the intelligence community prompted the
10 Director of National Intelligence, General James
11 Clapper, to state, “Never have I seen a more re-
12 markable example of focused integration, seamless
13 collaboration, and sheer professional magnificence as
14 was demonstrated by the Intelligence Community in
15 the ultimate demise of Osama bin Laden.”.

16 (10) While the death of Osama bin Laden rep-
17 resents a significant blow to the al Qaeda organiza-
18 tion and its affiliates and to terrorist organizations
19 around the world, terrorism remains a critical threat
20 to United States national security.

21 (11) President Obama said, “For over two dec-
22 ades, bin Laden has been al Qaeda’s leader and
23 symbol, and has continued to plot attacks against
24 our country and our friends and allies. The death of

1 bin Laden marks the most significant achievement
2 to date in our Nation's effort to defeat al Qaeda.”.

3 (b) HONORING THE MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE
4 COMMUNITY.—Congress—

5 (1) declares that the death of Osama bin Laden
6 represents a measure of justice and relief for the
7 families and friends of the nearly 3,000 men and
8 women who lost their lives on September 11, 2001,
9 the men and women in the United States and
10 around the world who have been killed by other al
11 Qaeda-sponsored attacks, the men and women of the
12 United States Armed Forces and the intelligence
13 community who have sacrificed their lives pursuing
14 Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda;

15 (2) commends the men and women of the
16 United States Armed Forces and the United States
17 intelligence community for the tremendous commit-
18 ment, perseverance, professionalism, and sacrifice
19 they displayed in bringing Osama bin Laden to jus-
20 tice;

21 (3) commends the men and women of the
22 United States Armed Forces and the United States
23 intelligence community for committing themselves to
24 defeating, disrupting, and dismantling al Qaeda;

1 (4) commends the President for ordering the
2 successful operations to locate and eliminate Osama
3 bin Laden; and

4 (5) reaffirms its commitment to disrupting, dis-
5 mantling, and defeating al Qaeda and affiliated or-
6 ganizations around the world that threaten United
7 States national security, eliminating a safe haven for
8 terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and bringing
9 terrorists to justice.

