

AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1469
OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA

In the 23d clause of the preamble, strike “and” at the end.

In the 24th clause of the preamble, strike “: Now, therefore, be it” and insert a semicolon.

After the 24th clause of the preamble, insert the following:

Whereas General Mark Milley, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, agreed that the United States military needed to pull out by August 31, 2021;

Whereas, on September 29, 2021, General Mark Milley, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said to the House Armed Services Committee “[The war in Afghanistan] wasn’t lost in the last 20 days or even 20 months. There’s a cumulative effect to a series of strategic decisions that go way back”;

Whereas, on September 29, 2021, General Mark Milley, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said to the House Armed Services Committee “At the end of 20 years, we the military helped build an army, a state, but we could not forge a nation. The enemy occupied Kabul, the overthrow of the government occurred and the military we supported for two decades faded away. That is a strategic failure”;

Whereas, on March 19, 2024, former United States Central Command Commander General Frank McKenzie, accepted full responsibility on Tuesday for the Afghanistan airport attack that killed 13 United States servicemembers in 2021;

Whereas, on March 19, 2024, former United States Central Command leader General Frank McKenzie said “I was the overall commander, and I and I alone bear full military responsibility for what happened at Abbey Gate”; and

Whereas, both General Mark Milley and General Frank McKenzie, were both strategic and policy leaders within the Department of Defense, and both bear responsibilities for military successes and failures under their supervision: Now, therefore, be it

Page 7, after line 21, insert the following:

- 1 (16) Mark Milley, former Chairman of the
- 2 Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- 3 (17) Frank McKenzie, former Commander,
- 4 United States Central Command.

