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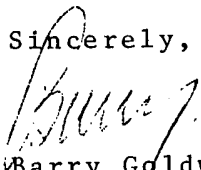
Dear Colleague:

On April 18, 1983, the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, was the target of a car-bomb attack. While we do not yet have all the facts on the matter, it is clear that a great many people were killed and wounded in this brutal and cowardly act. Among the dead were many Americans, most of them assigned to the U.S. Embassy on official business. Many local Lebanese employees of the Embassy were also killed and wounded.

Today, I introduced a Senate Resolution the purpose of which was to deplore this bombing, and to express the condolences of the Senate on the death and wounding of our fellow Americans. Copies of this resolution and of my floor statement are enclosed for your information. This resolution has been referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and may come before the full Senate some time next week. I would appreciate any support you can provide for the resolution, and would welcome your cosponsorship.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this resolution, please call Rosemarie Nahrgang of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence at 224-1710.

Sincerely,


Barry Goldwater
Chairman

Enclosures

FLOOR STATEMENT
BY
CHAIRMAN BARRY GOLDWATER
OF THE
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
ON THE
SENATE RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE
TO THE VICTIMS OF THE
UNITED STATES EMBASSY BOMBING IN BEIRUT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1983

MR. PRESIDENT. I RISE TO INTRODUCE A SENATE RESOLUTION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS TO DEPLORE THE RECENT BOMBING OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, AND TO EXPRESS THE SORROW AND CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH AND WOUNDING OF AMERICANS CAUGHT IN THIS BOMBING.

MR. PRESIDENT, I AM SURE THAT MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE AWARE THAT ON APRIL 18, 1983, THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, WAS THE TARGET OF A CAR-BOMB ATTACK. WHILE WE DO NOT YET HAVE ALL THE FACTS ON THE MATTER, IT IS CLEAR THAT A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THIS BRUTAL AND COWARDLY ACT. AMONG THE DEAD WERE MANY AMERICANS, MOST OF THEM ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. MANY LOCAL LEBANESE EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY WERE ALSO KILLED AND WOUNDED.

MR. PRESIDENT, EVERY YEAR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DISPATCHES LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC CITIZENS ABROAD TO SERVE ON WHAT

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ARE OFTEN DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS MISSIONS FOR OUR GOVERNMENT. THESE PEOPLE WOULD INCLUDE DIPLOMATIC, MILITARY, INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER PERSONNEL. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES THESE PEOPLE THEIR MISSIONS, AND THE CONGRESS FUNDS THEIR ACTIVITIES.

HOW OFTEN WE FORGET THAT SIMPLY BEING AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL ABROAD IS A DANGEROUS UNDERTAKING. HOW OFTEN WE FORGET THE ROUTINE STRESSES AND STRAINS TO WHICH THESE PEOPLE ARE SUBJECTED. THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT IS BUT THE MOST RECENT GRAPHIC REMINDER TO ALL OF US OF THE SACRIFICE THESE PATRIOTIC AMERICANS ARE DAILY PREPARED TO MAKE TO THEIR COUNTRY IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY RESOLUTION IS A SIMPLE TESTAMENT BY THE U.S. SENATE TO THE MEMORY OF THESE AMERICANS WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT EXPRESSES PROFOUND SORROW AT THE DEATH AND WOUNDING OF THESE PEOPLE, AND EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED.

I URGE ALL MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND TO WORK FOR ITS SPEEDY PASSAGE BY THE U.S. SENATE.

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1st Session

S. RES. _____

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. _____
submitted the following resolution; which was _____

RESOLUTION

Deploing the bombing of the United States Embassy in Beirut,
Lebanon, and expressing the sorrow and condolences of the
Senate on the death and wounding of Americans caught in the
bombing, and for other purposes.

Whereas on April 18, 1983, the United States Embassy in Beirut,
Lebanon, was the target of a brutal and cowardly terrorist
attack, which resulted in scores of dead and wounded,
including the death of many Americans, most of whom were
employed by the United States Government;

Whereas the members of the American Foreign Service, including
people assigned from the diplomatic, military, intelligence,
and other communities, are often exposed to extremely
hazardous conditions in the performance of their duties:

Whereas the members of such communities assigned to Lebanon were
dedicated to and worked for the pursuit of peace in the
Middle East;

Whereas the American people have been extraordinarily patient in
supporting their Government's peace initiatives in Lebanon;
and

Whereas this is one of those critical moments in the history of
the United States when the American people are united in
their grief and must be united in their resolve: Now,

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therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the Senate--

2 (1) deploras the brutal and cowardly bombing of the
3 United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, on April 18,
4 1983, which resulted in scores of dead and wounded,
5 including the death of many Americans, most of whom were
6 employed by the United States Government;

7 (2) expresses its profound sorrow at the death and
8 wounding of these people and extends its deepest sympathy
9 to the families of the deceased;

10 (3) urges the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
11 Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, and all
12 other Cabinet Members whose people were among the dead
13 and wounded to schedule and hold memorial or other
14 commemorative ceremonies as appropriate to honor the
15 victims; and

16 (4) accords its respect and gratitude, on behalf of
17 the American people, to the memory of the Americans who
18 sacrificed their lives for the noble cause of peace in
19 the Middle East.

20 Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
21 of this resolution to the families of the deceased Americans
22 and to the wounded Americans.