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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

A resolution congratulating the members of the 509th and 131st Bomb
Wings for successfully completing Operation Midnight Hammer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ALFORD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

A resolution congratulating the members of the 509th and
131st Bomb Wings for successfully completing Operation
Midnight Hammer.

Whereas the 509th Bomb Wing has an illustrious history of
carrying out among the most critical, dangerous, and im-
portant missions of the United States Armed Forces, in-
cluding the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the
conduct of the first strikes in Afghanistan following the
terrorist attacks against the United States on September
11, 2001;

Whereas the 131st Bomb Wing began as an observation
squadron using biplanes and has grown into the most le-
thal bomb wing of the Air National Guard, partaking in

historic flights such as the Charles Lindbergh “Spirit of St. Louis” flight as well as in combat actions against enemies of the United States spanning decades;

Whereas the Iranian regime refused to allow international observers to conduct proper oversight of nuclear facilities in Iran and continued to illicitly enrich nuclear weapon-grade uranium;

Whereas, when the President required the most lethal and capable bomb wings to deliver a decisive blow for international peace through Operation Midnight Hammer, the President called upon the members of the Armed Forces stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base in Johnston County, Missouri;

Whereas, because such members train at, operate at, and maintain the highest level of proficiency, such members were able to successfully complete Operation Midnight Hammer on extremely short notice;

Whereas, in conducting Operation Midnight Hammer, the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings departed from Knob Nobster, Missouri, in secrecy and delivered the tip of the spear to the heart of an illegal nuclear weapons program;

Whereas, in conducting Operation Midnight Hammer, the brave B-2 pilots of the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings flew for 36 hours, refueled mid-air on dozens of occasions, and still performed with incredible precision in delivering payloads; and

Whereas the deployment of 125 different aircraft and outstanding coordination with the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps enabled the success of Operation Midnight Hammer, landing a critical blow to the illicit nuclear weapons program of Iran: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the 509th and 131st Bomb
3 Wings for their incredible service in Operation Mid-
4 night Hammer; and

5 (2) recognizes the critical nature of ensuring
6 soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and coast guards-
7 men remain always ready to answer the call of the
8 American people.