

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SM 1482

INTRODUCER: Senator Braynon

SUBJECT: War on Terror

DATE: January 27, 2012

REVISED: _____

| | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION |
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| 1. | Jenkins | Roberts | GO | Pre-meeting |
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I. Summary:

This is a memorial to the Congress of the United States recognizing the death of Osama bin Laden as a positive step forward in the war on terrorism and declaring a continuing unity of commitment against terrorism, its crimes against humanity, and al-Qaeda.

II. Present Situation:

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Osama bin Laden had openly declared war on the U.S. and was committed to killing innocents well before 2001. The al-Qaeda organization, under his leadership, was responsible for the 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, which killed over 200 people. On June 7, 1999, bin Laden was added to the FBI's Top Ten fugitives list, and the U.S. offered a \$25 million reward for information that would lead to his apprehension or conviction.

On September 11, 2001, a small group of al-Qaeda members hijacked four commercial passenger aircraft in the U.S., two of which were flown into the World Trade Center towers. Another aircraft was flown into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. A fourth plane was successfully retaken by passengers before crashing in Pennsylvania. The intended target of the fourth aircraft was believed to be the United States Capitol. The attack killed nearly 3,000 civilians. Intelligence agencies quickly learned that the attacks were carried out by al-Qaeda. In October 2001, bin Laden's name was added to the U.S. Department of State's Most Wanted Terrorists List. In 2004, bin Laden released a videotaped message claiming responsibility for the September 11 attacks.

On May 1, 2011, bin Laden was killed by U.S. Navy Seals in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This memorial recognizes the death of Osama bin Laden as a positive step forward in the war on terrorism and declares a continuing unity of commitment with other states and nations against terrorism, its crimes against humanity, and al-Qaeda.

Copies of the memorial will be provided to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

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