

By Senator Braynon

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Senate Memorial

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.

WHEREAS, the actions taken by Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda and its networks targeting innocent civilians, including women and children, are repugnant, and

WHEREAS, Osama bin Laden was the mastermind of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States of America, which murdered 2,977 citizens, and

WHEREAS, Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda were responsible for other terrorist attacks against the United States of America, including bombing American embassies in Tanzania and Kenya and attacking the U.S.S. Cole, and

WHEREAS, a collective effort between President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama, along with the hard work of intelligence organizations and the men and women of the Armed Forces, resulted in locating Osama bin Laden, and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama took immediate action upon learning of the location of Osama bin Laden, and

WHEREAS, while resisting capture, Osama bin Laden was killed on May 1, 2011, by operatives of the Central Intelligence Agency and Navy Seals, and

WHEREAS, Osama bin Laden's death provides some degree of closure as it relates to September 11, 2001, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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32 That we recognize the death of Osama bin Laden as a
33 positive step forward in the war on terrorism and declare a
34 continuing unity of commitment with other states and nations
35 against terrorism, its crimes against humanity, and al-Qaeda.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
37 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
38 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
39 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
40 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.