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Deploring the actions of President Clinton regarding granting clemency to
FALN terrorists.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. THURMOND) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read the first time

SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

SEPTEMBER 14, 1999

Modified, considered, read the third time, and passed

JOINT RESOLUTION

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granting clemency to FALN terrorists.

Whereas the Armed Forces of National Liberation (the FALN) is a militant terrorist organization that claims responsibility for the bombings of approximately 130 civilian, political, and military sites throughout the United States;

Whereas its reign of terror resulted in 6 deaths and the permanent maiming of dozens of others, including law enforcement officials;

Whereas 16 members of the FALN were tried for numerous felonies against the United States, including seditious conspiracy;

Whereas at their trials, none of the 16 defendants contested any of the evidence presented by the United States;

Whereas at their trials none expressed remorse for their actions;

Whereas all were subsequently convicted and sentenced to prison for terms up to 90 years;

Whereas not a single act of terrorism has been attributed to the FALN since the imprisonment of the 16 terrorists;

Whereas no petitions for clemency were made by these terrorists, but other persons sought such clemency for them;

Whereas on August 11, 1999, President William Jefferson Clinton offered conditional clemency to these 16 terrorists, all of whom have served less than 20 years in prison;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and 2 United States Attorneys all reportedly advised the President not to grant leniency to the 16 terrorists;

Whereas the State Department in 1998 reiterated two longstanding tenets of counter terrorism policy that the United States will: “(1) make no concessions to terrorists and strike no deals”; and “(2) bring terrorists to justice for their crimes”;

Whereas the President’s offer of clemency to the FALN terrorists violates longstanding tenets of United States counterterrorism policy; and

Whereas the release of terrorists is an affront to the rule of law, the victims and their families, and every American

who believes that violent acts must be punished to the fullest extent of the law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That making concessions to terrorists is deplorable and
4 that President Clinton should not have granted clemency
5 to the FALN terrorists.

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