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To direct the Secretary of State to designate Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Qods Force as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. McCaul, introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL
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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Qods Force Terrorist
5 Designation Act”.

6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

7 Congress finds the following:
(1) On January 19, 1984, the Secretary of State determined that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism.

(2) The Qods Force is the elite external operations branch of the Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and the Iranian regime’s primary mechanism for cultivating and supporting terrorists abroad.

(3) The Qods Force provides aid in the form of weapons, training, and funding to Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist groups, Lebanese Hizballah, Iraq-based militants, and Taliban fighters in Afghanistan.


(5) In 2007, President George W. Bush and General David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in
Iraq, accused Iran’s Qods Force of aiding militias in
killing American soldiers in Iraq.

(6) In 2007, the U.S. Department of the Treas-
ury designated the Qods Force for providing mate-
rial support to the Taliban and other terrorist orga-
nizations.

(7) On October 25, 2007, Iran’s Islamic Revo-
lutionary Guard Corps Qods Force was sanctioned
under Executive Order 13382, for supporting pro-
iferation of weapons of mass destruction.

(8) Section 1258 of the National Defense Au-
thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 expressed the
sense of Congress that “the United States should
designate Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps
as a foreign terrorist organization under section 219
of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
1189) and place the Islamic Revolutionary Guards
Corps on the list of Specially Designated Global Ter-
orists, as established under the International Emer-
seq.) and initiated under Executive Order 13224
(September 23, 2001)”.

(9) In the period following the June 2009 presi-
dential election in Iran, the Qods Force was impli-
cated in custodial deaths and the killings of election
protestors and committed other acts of politically motivated violence, including torture, beatings, and rape.

(10) On April 29, 2011, President Obama issued Executive Order 13572, Blocking Property of Certain Persons With Respect to Human Rights Abuses in Syria, including the Qods Force, for the repression of the people of Syria, manifested most recently by the use of violence and torture against, and arbitrary arrests and detentions of, peaceful protestors by police, security forces, and other entities that have engaged in human rights abuses, which constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

(11) On October 11, 2011, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that two members of Iran’s Qods Force were charged in an alleged plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States. The criminal complaint against them included charges of conspiracy to murder a foreign official; conspiracy to engage in foreign travel and use of interstate and foreign commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire; conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction (explosives); and con-
spiracy to commit an act of international terrorism transcending national boundaries.

(12) On March 7, 2012, the U.S. Department of the Treasury designated Iran’s Qods Force General Gholamreza Baghbani as a Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker for the role that the Qods Force played in its scheme to support terrorism.

(13) Iran’s Qods Force stations operatives in foreign embassies, charities, and religious and cultural institutions to foster relationships, often building on existing socio-economic ties with the well-established Shia Diaspora, and recent years have witnessed an increased presence in Latin America.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF IRAN’S ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS QODS FORCE AS A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

The Secretary of State shall designate Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Qods Force as a foreign terrorist organization under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

SEC. 4. REPORT.

The Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a re-
1. port on terrorist activities of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Qods Force.