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Received and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing deep gratitude for the valor and commitment of the members of the United States Armed Forces who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia in 1993.

Whereas October 3, 2003, marks the 10th anniversary of the major battle in the United States operation to capture key members of the Somali National Alliance led by the terrorist warlord, Mohammed Farah Aidid, in Mogadishu, Somalia;

Whereas Task Force Ranger, which led the assault, was composed of Army Special Forces, Navy SEALs, Army special operations helicopter forces, and Air Force Special Tactics personnel;

Whereas 16 special operations personnel assigned to Task Force Ranger were killed, and another 83 wounded, during one of the most intense and lethal firefights in modern history;

Whereas two of those killed, Master Sergeant Gary I. Gordon and Sergeant First Class Randall D. Shughart, were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for actions above and beyond the call of duty;

Whereas soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, provided a quick reaction force in support of the combat operation;

Whereas two soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division were killed, and another 28 wounded, while supporting the special operations forces of Task Force Ranger; and

Whereas the valiant efforts of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope significantly contributed to the war against terrorism and oppression: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) expresses deep gratitude for the valor and
4 commitment of the members of the United States
5 Armed Forces who were deployed in Operation Re-
6 store Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to
7 the people of Somalia in 1993;

8 (2) recognizes those members, many of whom
9 were killed or severely wounded in direct combat,

1 who acquitted themselves with honor and courage in
2 battle to restore freedom to an oppressed nation;

3 (3) honors the heroic service of the special oper-
4 ations forces assigned to Task Force Ranger and the
5 soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division who sup-
6 ported them;

7 (4) extends condolences to the families and
8 friends of those killed and wounded in Operation Re-
9 store Hope; and

10 (5) encourages the American people to remem-
11 ber the sacrifices of those who served.

Passed the House of Representatives October 30,
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.