

H. Res. 1378

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 28, 2010.

Whereas in 1934, World War I veterans placed a cross memorial on Sunset Rock near Barstow, California, with a wooden plaque proclaiming the simple monument honored the lives of all who have defended America and freedom;

Whereas in 2002, Congress declared the Mojave Cross a national memorial, the only such memorial dedicated to the war dead of World War I;

Whereas in 2003, Congress passed legislation to protect the Mojave Cross memorial by providing for a land swap that would leave the cross on private land, to be maintained by the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

Whereas, on April 28, 2010, the United States Supreme Court, in *Salazar v. Buono*, reversed a Court of Appeals judgment that invalidated an effort by Congress to preserve the Mojave Cross memorial through a land transfer and remanded the case for further proceedings; and

Whereas, on May 9, 2010, the Mojave Cross memorial was reportedly vandalized and stolen: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns the illegal removal of the Mojave Cross memorial by vandals as a repulsive act that is an

insult to the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces and who have given their lives to defend the country; and

(2) urges the National Park Service and Federal law enforcement to continue working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars to recover the Mojave Cross memorial.

Attest:

Clerk.