

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Expressing condolences to the family of Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DONNELLY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing condolences to the family of Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

Whereas Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig was a tireless humanitarian who devoted his life to helping those most in need;

Whereas Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig saved lives across Lebanon, Turkey, and Syria, particularly through the non-governmental organization he founded, Special Emergency Response and Assistance;

Whereas Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig represented the best qualities of humanity through his work administering medical aid, food and shelter to the people most impacted by the war in Syria;

Whereas Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig served with honor as a United States Army Ranger;

Whereas the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (referred to in this preamble as “ISIL”) is a terrorist organization that has committed widespread acts of violence against innocent civilians throughout Iraq and Syria, forcing many people to flee their homeland;

Whereas ISIL has carried out grave atrocities targeting Muslims and religious and ethnic minorities in the region, including women and children, for enslavement, torture, and massacre;

Whereas ISIL has captured and assassinated journalists and humanitarian and health workers, deepening the suffering of a war-torn region;

Whereas ISIL is responsible for the murder of United States citizens; and

Whereas ISIL continues to hold hostages in contravention of international law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

3 The Senate—

4 (1) mourns the death of Abdul-Rahman Peter
5 Kassig;

6 (2) expresses condolences to the family and
7 loved ones of Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig;

8 (3) condemns the terrorist acts by the Islamic
9 State of Iraq and the Levant (referred to in this res-

1 olution as “ISIL”), including the targeting of inno-
2 cent civilians, journalists, and aid workers; and

3 (4) urges the United States and the inter-
4 national community, working in partnership with the
5 governments and citizens of the Middle East, to ad-
6 dress the threat posed by ISIL and the suffering of
7 innocent civilians impacted by the conflict.

8 **SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

9 Nothing in this resolution is a declaration of war or
10 authorization to use force.