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S. RES. 598

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

DECEMBER 10, 2014

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. COATS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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.

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