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(Rep. Poe, R-TX)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on January 20, 2015, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage. However, any vote on H. Res. 37 will likely take place tomorrow, January 21, 2015.

Summary: [H. Res. 37](#) expresses a sense of Congress condemning the recent terrorist attacks in Paris that resulted in the tragic loss of seventeen innocent lives. The resolution states that the House of Representatives:

- Extends its deepest sympathies to all those affected by this tragedy;
- Supports the efforts of the Government of France to ensure that all of those individuals who committed or supported these attacks are brought to justice;
- Remains concerned regarding the flow of foreign fighters to and from the Middle East and West and North Africa and the threat posed by these individuals upon their return to their local communities;
- Appreciates and supports France’s continuing efforts to combat terrorism and promote stability throughout the Middle East and West and North Africa;
- Appreciates France’s contributions to the multilateral effort to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant;

- Recognizes the growing threat posed by radical Islamist terrorist groups worldwide and reaffirms the commitment of the United States to the multilateral, global fight against such violent extremists;
- Calls upon all nations to join a global effort to combat violent extremist ideologies and terrorist groups; and
- Remains committed to the defense of free expression, including religious freedom, as well as other universal values that terrorists seek to destroy through a campaign of cowardly threats and reprehensible violence.

Additional Information: On January 7, 2015, armed radical Islamist terrorists, Cherif and Said Kouachi stormed the offices of the French satirical newspaper [Charlie Hebdo](#) and slaughtered twelve people, including editorial staff of the paper, a visitor, a security guard, a maintenance worker, and a Muslim police officer in downtown Paris. On January 8, 2015, a lone armed Islamist terrorist, Amedy Coulibaly, killed a female police officer, and intentionally targeted a kosher supermarket, taking multiple hostages and murdering four Jewish men on January 9, 2015. The perpetrator of the attack claimed allegiance to the Charlie Hebdo attackers as well as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. French police raided the supermarket, rescued the gunman's hostages, and killed Coulibaly. That same day, French police located and killed the Charlie Hebdo attackers. According to the findings of the resolution, the Kouachi brothers are believed to have traveled to Yemen in 2011 where they are reported to have received weapons training and met with Anwar al-Awlaki, a senior member of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. More information on the terrorist attacks can be found [here](#).

A list of cosponsors can be found [here](#).

Committee Action: The bill was introduced on January 16, 2015, and was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No CBO estimate is available.

Constitutional Authority: No Constitutional Authority statement is available.

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