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Praising the efforts of United States Combat Search and Rescue teams in the recovery of two United States Air Force Airmen who ejected over Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, since February 28, 2026, the United States and allied partners have conducted daring operations, known as Operation Epic Fury, to disable the oppressive Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps regime;

Whereas United States and allied intelligence has credibly assessed the IRGC nuclear program poses immediate threats to United States interests and Eurasia;

Whereas United States Central Command has reported that American forces have successfully conducted more than 13,000 combat missions in Iranian airspace, striking more than 12,300 targets;

Whereas United States aerial dominance in the United States Central Command area of responsibility has resulted in over 20 years without a combat loss of United States aircraft;

Whereas, on April 3, 2026, a United States F-15E Strike Eagle was interdicted over Iranian airspace, requiring the ejection of the pilot and Weapons Systems Officer into enemy territory;

Whereas the actions of both aviators give credit to their resolve, training, and equipment, allowing them to successfully evade the enemy while signaling their location information to American forces;

Whereas the immediate rescue effort reflects a whole-of-government approach to blend the United States military and intelligence apparatuses in order to ensure the safe and swift rescue of both downed Airmen;

Whereas the pilot was successfully rescued shortly after the crash, and the Weapons Systems Officer was rescued after nearly 48 hours of evasion in the early hours of Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026;

Whereas the Weapons Systems Officer affirmed his safety in an encrypted radio transmission that read “God is Good”;

Whereas the rescue operations involved thousands of United States personnel, to include special operators, intelligence specialists, planners, pilots, logisticians, and countless others whose individual heroism personified the values of “No Man Left Behind”; and

Whereas the House of Representatives praises the United States aviators for their courage and the United States

personnel involved in the recovery of our downed aviators:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends the heroic actions of the United
3 States Armed Forces and intelligence personnel who
4 executed the high-risk recovery of downed American
5 aviators in hostile territory;

6 (2) recognizes the extreme physical and mental
7 endurance of the aviators, who successfully evaded
8 Iranian-backed forces for over 24 hours in rugged
9 mountainous terrain;

10 (3) honors the tactical proficiency of the rescue
11 teams, who braved adverse weather and active
12 enemy pursuit to ensure that no service member was
13 left behind;

14 (4) applauds the seamless coordination between
15 joint force components that enabled the rapid local-
16 ization and extraction of an isolated personnel mem-
17 ber;

18 (5) affirms that the daring rescue reinforces the
19 United States unwavering commitment to the recov-
20 ery of its personnel, regardless of the complexity or
21 danger of the environment;

22 (6) highlights the superior training and techno-
23 logical edge of the United States military that al-

1 lowed for a successful extraction under the nose of
2 aggressive foreign actors;

3 (7) expresses the profound gratitude of the
4 American people to the pilots, maintainers, and Spe-
5 cial Operations forces involved in this mission; and

6 (8) declares that the success of this mission
7 stands as a testament to the courage and readiness
8 of the American warfighter.

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