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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the regime of Mu'ammr al-Qadhaffi.

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Mr. ROHRBACHER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the regime of Mu'ammr al-Qadhaffi.

Whereas the people of Libya have risen up in rebellion against the tyrannical rule of Mu'ammr al-Qadhaffi, a man who seized power by force and has ruled by force ever since;

Whereas Qadhaffi has oppressed the people of Libya and squandered their wealth;

Whereas, on March 3, 2011, President Barack Obama said about the situation in Libya, "The violence must stop; Mu'ammr Qadhaffi has lost the legitimacy to lead and he must leave", a position he reaffirmed on March 21, 2011;

Whereas, on March 17, 2011, Qadhaffi threatened a civilian massacre by claiming in a radio address, “We are coming tonight . . . We will have no mercy and no pity with them”;

Whereas Qadhaffi has shown himself to be an enemy of the United States and a threat to international security, including—

(1) the April 5, 1986, bombing by Libyan agents of the La Belle discotheque in West Berlin, which killed 2 United States soldiers and wounded 50 others, among some 200 total victims of the blast;

(2) the December 21, 1988, destruction of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, by a bomb planted by a Libyan agent, killing 190 United States citizens out of the total loss of 243 passengers, 16 crew members, and 11 civilians on the ground; and

(3) a clandestine nuclear weapons program, which was only ended after the seizure by the United States Navy of a shipment of uranium-enrichment components bound for Libya in October 2003; and

Whereas the Libyan people have not asked for United States ground troops to do their fighting for them, and President Barack Obama has pledged not to deploy ground troops: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
3 tives that—

4 (A) the regime of Mu’ammar al-Qadhaffi is
5 no longer the legitimate government of Libya;

1 (B) the Transitional National Council,
2 based in eastern Libya at Benghazi and headed
3 by Mustafa Abdul Jalil, consisting of those
4 Libyans who have declared their intentions to
5 establish a constitutional, multi-party democ-
6 racy, should be considered the legitimate rep-
7 resentatives of the Libyan people and nation;

8 (C) the United States should encourage
9 the post-Qadhaffi government to repay the ex-
10 penses incurred by the United States Armed
11 Forces during military operations undertaken to
12 protect the Libyan people; and

13 (D) as Speaker of the House of Represent-
14 atives John Boehner wrote in his letter to
15 President Obama on March 23, 2011, “a UN
16 Security Council resolution does not substitute
17 for a U.S. political and military strategy”, the
18 United States course in Libya must be deter-
19 mined in accord with United States interests
20 and values and in consultation with allies; and
21 (2) the House of Representatives—

22 (A) supports President Barack Obama’s
23 strategy of protecting the Libyan people in their
24 struggle for freedom from the Qadhaffi tyranny
25 without risking the direct intervention of

1 United States ground forces in the Libyan civil
2 war;

3 (B) supports the freezing of the assets of
4 Qadhaffi and his regime wherever they can be
5 found, with the understanding that these assets
6 will be made available to the legitimate rep-
7 resentatives of the Libyan people once they
8 have been duly recognized by the United States
9 Government; and

10 (C) calls for the United States in coopera-
11 tion with its allies to provide the Libyan free-
12 dom fighters with the arms, supplies, and other
13 materials needed to oust the Qadhaffi regime
14 from power and liberate the entire country.

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