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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the recent terrorist attacks in Nigeria that resulted in the deaths of over 2,000 innocent persons and offering condolences to those personally affected by this cowardly act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWN of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the recent terrorist attacks in Nigeria that resulted in the deaths of over 2,000 innocent persons and offering condolences to those personally affected by this cowardly act.

Whereas, on January 3, 2015, the armed radical terrorist group known as Boko Haram captured the town of Baga, Nigeria, and overran the Multi National Joint Task Force headquarters and army base in town and slaughtered over 2,000 people over a period of a few days.

Whereas forces of Government of Nigeria resisted the terrorists who “attacked from all sides”, for several hours, but eventually “joined civilians fleeing into the bush”;

Whereas in the days following the assault, the terrorists forced Baga's residents into the surrounding area villages;

Whereas, on the evening of January 6, 2015, two local residents reported that the militants began to burn local buildings using petrol bombs and explosives, and according to survivors proceeded to kill those left;

Whereas, according to Musa Bukar, head of the Kukawa local government area, all 16 villages in the local government area were razed as well, and their residents either killed or forced to flee;

Whereas Baba Abba Hassan, the district head, added that "hundreds of corpses still lay on the streets" of the town and that many women and children were among the victims, having been pursued into the bush by the militants;

Whereas Baga and at least 16 other towns are thought to have been destroyed as over 35,000 people are reported to have been displaced, with many feared to have drowned while trying to cross Lake Chad and others trapped on islands in the lake;

Whereas these terrorist attacks represent an assault on fundamental principles essential to a democratic society;

Whereas the increase in attacks in Nigeria and throughout Africa remains of great concern;

Whereas the United States and Africa share a longstanding cultural, political, and economic relationship that has greatly benefitted both nations; and

Whereas the United States is committed to supporting Nigeria in this difficult time: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns the recent terrorist attacks in
2 Baga, Nigeria, that resulted in the tragic loss of
3 over 2,000 innocent lives;

4 (2) extends its deepest sympathies to all those
5 affected by this tragedy;

6 (3) supports the efforts of the Government of
7 Nigeria to ensure that all of those individuals who
8 committed or supported these heinous attacks are
9 brought to justice;

10 (4) recognizes the growing threat posed by rad-
11 ical terrorist groups worldwide and reaffirms the
12 commitment of the United States to the multilateral,
13 global fight against such violent extremists;

14 (5) calls upon all nations to join a global effort
15 to combat violent extremist ideologies and terrorist
16 groups; and

17 (6) remains committed to the defense of demo-
18 cratic principles as well as other universal values
19 that terrorists seek to destroy through a campaign
20 of cowardly threats and reprehensible violence.

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