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109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself [see insert for original cosponsors])
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting intelligence and law enforcement programs to
track terrorists and terrorist finances conducted con-
sistent with Federal law and with appropriate congres-
sional consultation.

Whereas the United States is currently engaged in a global
war on terrorism to prevent future attacks against Amer-
ican civilian and military interests at home and abroad;

Whereas intelligence programs are essential to gathering crit-
ical information necessary for identifying, disrupting, and
capturing terrorists before they carry out further attacks;



Whereas there is a national security imperative for maintaining the secrecy of our legitimate intelligence capabilities;

Whereas effective intelligence depends on cooperation with foreign governments and individuals who trust the United States to protect their confidences;

Whereas the unauthorized disclosure of sensitive intelligence information, including the names of clandestine service officers of the Central Intelligence Agency, inflicts significant damage to United States activities in the global war on terrorism;

Whereas following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Congress passed the USA PATRIOT Act, which included anti-terrorist financing provisions that bolster Federal Government and law enforcement capabilities to find and disrupt the financiers of terrorist organizations;

Whereas following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the President directed the Federal Government to use all appropriate measures to identify, track, and pursue not only those persons who commit terrorist acts here and abroad, but also those who provide financial or other support for terrorist activity;

Whereas consistent with this directive, the United States Government initiated a classified Terrorist Finance Tracking Program and the Secretary of the Treasury issued subpoenas to gather information on suspected international terrorists through bank transaction information;

Whereas a few Members of Congress were notified of the existence of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program, with most notifications taking place only after an intent to publish stories about the program was communicated;



Whereas Congress has authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to explore the implementation of systems to review all cross-border wire transactions;

Whereas the bipartisan 9/11 Commission recommended that “Vigorous efforts to track terrorist financing must remain front and center in U.S. counterterrorism efforts”; and

Whereas persons in positions of trust and responsibility granted access to highly sensitive intelligence programs should not violate their solemn obligations not to disclose classified information: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports efforts to identify, track, and pur-
3 sue suspected foreign terrorists and their financial
4 supporters by tracking terrorist money flows and un-
5 covering terrorist networks here and abroad in ac-
6 cordance with existing applicable law, but notes that
7 the expression of such support in this resolution
8 should not be construed as providing additional au-
9 thority for such efforts; and

10 (2) expresses concern that the unauthorized dis-
11 closure of classified information may have made ef-
12 forts to locate terrorists and terrorist networks, and
13 disrupt their plans, more difficult.

