

State of Vermont
House of Representatives
Montpelier, Vermont



House Resolution

H.R. 15

House resolution condemning the March 2016 terrorist attacks in Belgium, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, March 2016 will be remembered sadly as a month when horrific terrorist attacks occurred in Belgium, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast, and the world mourns the innocent lives lost in each of these attacks, and

Whereas, on March 22, 2016, in Brussels, Belgium, at the city's airport departure area and a major subway station, two incidents of terrorism were perpetrated resulting in a combined loss of over 30 deaths and more than 270 persons sustained injuries, and

Whereas, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria has claimed responsibility for these attacks in Belgium, and

Whereas, President Obama, Secretary of State Kerry, Belgium Ambassador Johan Verbeke, NATO's North Atlantic Council, U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and collectively the members of the U.N. Security Council have all issued statements condemning this horrible act in the strongest of terms, and

Whereas, on Saturday, March 19, 2016, on Istanbul, Turkey's most popular avenue that attracts many international tourists, a terrorist attack killed at least four persons, including two Americans, and wounded 36 individuals, and

Whereas, earlier, on March 13, at least 34 persons perished in Turkey's capital city, Ankara, just two days after the U.S. Embassy had warned that an attack in the city was possible, and

Whereas, that same day, at a popular beach resort near the Ivory Coast's capital city of Abidjan, terrorists opened fired on beachgoers killing 16 persons relaxing on a Sunday afternoon, and the North African affiliate of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb has claimed responsibility, and

Whereas, all nations must unite to intensify efforts to overcome terrorism and violent extremism, and

Whereas, extremism constitutes one of the world's most serious threats to international peace and security, and

Whereas, those responsible for perpetrating, organizing, financing, and sponsoring acts of terror must be brought to justice, and

Whereas, the citizens of Vermont stand with our brothers and sisters in Belgium, Turkey, the Ivory Coast, other nations across the globe, and here at home in San Bernardino, California, who have lost loved ones due to acts of terrorism, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body condemns the terrorist attacks that have occurred during March 2016 in Belgium, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Johan Verbeke, Ambassador of Belgium to the United States; Serdar Kilç, Ambassador of Turkey to the United States, Diabaté Daouda, Ambassador of the Ivory Coast to the United States, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.