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Summary of the Resolution Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

H.Res. 757—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001 (Hyde)

<u>Order of Business</u>: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, September 9, 2004, under a unanimous consent agreement with one hour of debate.

Summary: The resolution has 24 findings regarding the September 11th terrorist attacks and worldwide efforts and successes in the Global War on Terror, including the following:

"Whereas on September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending to their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a fourth was prevented from also being used as a weapon against America by brave passengers who placed their country above their own lives;

"Whereas three years after September 11, 2001, the United States is fighting a Global War on Terrorism to protect America and her friends and allies;

"Whereas since the United States was attacked, it has led an international military coalition in the destruction of two terrorist regimes in Afghanistan and Iraq while using diplomacy and sanctions in cooperation with Great Britain and the international community to lead a third terrorist regime in Libya away from its weapons of mass destruction;

"Whereas to date United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces have killed or captured 43 of the 55 most wanted criminals of the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq, including Saddam Hussein himself; and

"Whereas thousands of families have lost loved ones in the defense of freedom and liberty against the tyranny of terror:"

H.Res. 757 resolves that it is resolved that the House of Representatives:

- "extends again its deepest sympathies to the thousands of innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, their families, friends, and loved ones;
- "honors the heroic actions and the sacrifices of United States military and civilian personnel and their families who have sacrificed much, including their lives and health, in defense of their country in the Global War on Terrorism;
- "honors the heroic actions of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and others who aided the innocent victims and, in so doing, bravely risked their own lives and long-term health;
- "expresses thanks and gratitude to the foreign leaders and citizens of all nations who have assisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;
- "discourages, in the strongest possible terms, any effort to confuse the Global War on Terrorism with a war on any people or any faith;
- "reaffirms its commitment to the Global War on Terrorism and to providing the United States Armed Forces with the resources and support to wage it effectively and safely;
- "vows that it will continue to take whatever actions necessary to identify, intercept, and disrupt terrorists and their activities; and
- "reaffirms that the American people will never forget the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001, and will never bow to terrorist demands."

<u>Committee Action</u>: The resolution was introduced yesterday, September 8th, and referred to the House Committees on International Relations; Armed Services; Transportation and Infrastructure; and Judiciary. The Committees did not consider the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u>: No.

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