

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES WITH  
REGARDS TO COMMUNICATION AND MENTAL HEALTH**

**HEREAS:** On November 5<sup>th</sup> 2009, Major Nidal Malik Hasan (allegedly) entered his place of work (the Soldier Readiness Center of Fort Hood, Texas) and opened fire with two pistols, firing one hundred rounds, killing thirteen people and wounding a further thirty people; and,

**HEREAS:** Major Hasan was preparing to deploy to Afghanistan and is said to have been troubled with the idea of going to fight against Muslims; and,

**HEREAS:** It has been speculated on that Major Hasan was potentially mentally unstable leading up to the attack, sharing many of the psychological traits which are possessed by other mass shooting perpetrators; and,

**HEREAS:** Members of the Intelligence Community, as well as the Army, overlooked countless warning signs and links to Islamic Extremist Groups both domestically and abroad; and,

**HEREAS:** The United States Armed Forces has a responsibility to both it's members and the people of the United States to ensure that soldiers are not in any sort of position, through their actions or mental state, which would facilitate a tragedy such as the one (allegedly) perpetrated by Major Nidal Malik Hasan.

**HEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges President Obama to launch an independent inquiry into the failings of both the United States Armed Forces and the Intelligence Community which led to the shooting at Fort Hood.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the United States Congress seriously consider placing tighter restraints and closer monitoring on all members of the United States Military to prevent such a tragedy from occurring again.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if any member of the United States Armed Forces is found to be either mentally unstable or in contact with extremist groups, appropriate action should be taken from a verbal reprimand or treatment, to, ultimately, dishonorable discharge from the military (for repeat offenders or extremely heinous offenders).

**WITNESSES:**

President Barack Obama  
Secretary of Defense Robert Gates  
Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House  
Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader  
John Boehner, House Minority Leader  
Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader  
Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader

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