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H. RES. 419

Condemning religiously intolerant remarks and calling on the President to clearly censure and reassign Lieutenant General Boykin for his religiously intolerant remarks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. WEINER, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WATERS, Ms. LEE, Mr. HONDA, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. WATSON, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. MEEHAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Condemning religiously intolerant remarks and calling on the President to clearly censure and reassign Lieutenant General Boykin for his religiously intolerant remarks.

Whereas Lieutenant General William Boykin, United States Army, who is currently serving as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and War-Fighting Support, has recently made a number of intolerant remarks against people of the Islamic faith while wearing his military uniform during numerous public addresses;

Whereas those remarks by Lieutenant General Boykin include the following: Islamic extremists hate the United States because “we’re a Christian nation”; “Our spiritual enemy will only be defeated if we come against them in the name of Jesus”; President Bush “is in the White House because God put him there”; “I knew that my God was a real God, and [the Muslim God] was an idol”; “The enemy that has come against our nation is a spiritual enemy” named Satan;

Whereas Islam is a monotheistic faith, a faith whose followers are an integral part of the social fabric of America and many other countries;

Whereas the position currently held by Lieutenant General Boykin requires him to interact routinely with Muslims from all over the world;

Whereas Lieutenant General Boykin has failed to retract his remarks or to issue a full apology for those controversial and divisive statements;

Whereas the remarks made by Lieutenant General Boykin have impaired the image of the United States worldwide and threaten to endanger United States forces in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas such remarks by a high-ranking military official undermine the war on terrorism by insulting Muslim allies of the United States and Muslim citizens of the United States, including those Muslim citizens in the United States Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns bigotry and intolerance against
2 any religious group, including people of the Islamic
3 faith; and

4 (2) calls on the President—

5 (A) to clearly censure Lieutenant General
6 William Boykin, United States Army, for his
7 religiously intolerant remarks against people of
8 the Islamic faith; and

9 (B) to reassign Lieutenant General Boykin
10 to a new position in which his views will not im-
11 pact United States Government policy decisions
12 toward Muslims.

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