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H. RES. 81

Expressing the opposition of the House of Representatives of providing the vaccination for COVID–19 for detainees at the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before American citizens receive such vaccination.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BABIN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. COMER, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. BACON, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ROY, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. HERRELL, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. CLINE, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. KELLER, Mr. MANN, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. STEIL, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mrs. HARSHBARGER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

Expressing the opposition of the House of Representatives of providing the vaccination for COVID–19 for detainees at the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before American citizens receive such vaccination.

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this resolution as the “CDC”), there have been nearly 26,000,000 cases of COVID–19 reported in the United States as of January 31, 2021;

Whereas, according to the CDC, there have been over 400,000 deaths attributed to COVID–19 in the United States as of January 31, 2021;

Whereas, according to the CDC, approximately 22,000,000 Americans, or about 7 percent of the United States population, have been vaccinated for COVID–19 as of January 27, 2021;

Whereas United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, commonly known as “Guantanamo” or “Gitmo”, has been used to house detainees apprehended in the Global War on Terrorism since 2002;

Whereas, since 2002, Guantanamo has housed over 700 detainees apprehended throughout the world as a result of the United States counterterrorism and law enforcement operations during the Global War on Terrorism;

Whereas the suspected mastermind behind the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, has been detained at Guantanamo since 2006;

Whereas, according to an article published on January 30, 2021, there are approximately 40 detainees remaining at Guantanamo;

Whereas, on January 27, 2021, the Department of Defense ordered the delivery of COVID–19 vaccines to the remaining detainees held at Guantanamo; and

Whereas, on January 30, 2021, the Department of Defense announced it would be pausing plans to deliver COVID–

19 vaccines to Guantanamo detainees: Now, therefore, be
it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) opposes any plans by the Department of
3 Defense to deliver COVID–19 vaccines to prisoners
4 held at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo
5 Bay, Cuba, and detained during operations con-
6 ducted during the Global War on Terrorism until all
7 Americans have had the opportunity to be vac-
8 cinated; and

9 (2) asserts that efforts by the United States
10 Government to provide vaccinations for COVID–19
11 should prioritize United States citizens.

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