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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4548, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SAM JOHNSON OF TEXAS**

At the end of title III (page 11, after line 8), insert
the following new section:

1 **SEC. 304. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE APPREHENSION,**
2 **DETENTION, AND INTERROGATION OF TER-**
3 **RORISTS ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE SUC-**
4 **CESSFUL PROSECUTION OF THE GLOBAL**
5 **WAR ON TERROR.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, the peo-
8 ple of the United States were too often brutalized
9 again and again by deadly terrorist violence, as evi-
10 denced by the hundreds of American deaths in the
11 Beirut and Lockerbie bombings, the attack on the
12 World Trade Center in 1993, the destruction of the
13 Khobar Towers military barracks, the bombing of
14 the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania,
15 and the vicious attacks on the USS Cole in 2000.

16 (2) The terrorist violence targeted against the
17 United States became more emboldened after each
18 attack, culminating in the deadly attacks on the
19 World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sep-

1 tember 11, 2001, which killed thousands of innocent
2 Americans, including innocent women and children.

3 (3) Since September 11, 2001, the citizens of
4 the United States have remained the priority target
5 of terrorist violence, with journalists and employees
6 of non-governmental organizations being held hos-
7 tage, tortured, and decapitated in the name of ter-
8 ror.

9 (4) Congress has authorized the President to
10 use all necessary and appropriate means to defeat
11 terrorism ; and on numerous occasions since Sep-
12 tember 11, 2001, and throughout the Global War on
13 Terror, the interrogation of detainees has yielded
14 valuable intelligence that has saved the lives of
15 American military personnel and American citizens
16 at home and abroad.

17 (5) The interrogation of detainees has also pro-
18 vided highly valuable insights into the structure of
19 terrorist organizations, their target selection process,
20 and the identities of key operational and logistical
21 personnel that were previously unknown to the Intel-
22 ligence Community.

23 (6) The lawful interrogation of detainees is con-
24 sistent with the United States Constitution.

1 (7) The abuses against detainees documented at
2 Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq were deplorable aberrations that were not part of United States policy and
3 were not in keeping with the finest traditions of the
4 United States military and the honorable men and
5 women who serve.
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7 (8) The loss of interrogation-derived information would have a disastrous effect on the Nation's
8 intelligence collection and counterterrorism efforts
9 and would constitute a damaging reversal in the
10 Global War on Terror during this critical time.
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12 (9) The apprehension, detention, and interrogation of terrorists are essential elements to successfully waging the Global War on Terror.
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15 (10) The interrogation of detainees can and
16 should continue by the United States within the
17 bounds of the United States Constitution and the
18 laws of the United States of America.

19 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the apprehension, detention, and interrogation
20 of terrorists are fundamental to the successful prosecution
21 of the Global War on Terror.
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