

# **UPDATE: HOUSE DEMOCRATS' RESOLUTION WOULD WEAKEN AMERICA**

*President Trump took bold action last week to kill one of the world's deadliest terrorists in a strike. But instead of supporting the President's action in defense of our country, Nancy Pelosi has announced she will advance an unconstitutional effort that undermines President Trump and our national security.*

*Not only is this Act unconstitutional and a threat to American security, it dishonors every American service member by equating Iranian attacks against our men and women in uniform with the U.S.'s decision to kill the world's deadliest terrorist.*

## **Taking Soleimani Off The Battlefield Was The Right Decision**

- Qassem Soleimani was an evil and deadly terrorist with the blood of thousands, including hundreds of Americans, on his hands.
- President Trump was right to order decisive, defensive action to kill Soleimani, prevent further attacks, and defend American lives and interests.
- Unlike President Obama, who appeased Iran and provided over \$1.5 billion in cash payments to the regime, President Trump has taken decisive action to stop Iran's malign activity and defend the U.S.

## **Democrats Are Ignoring The Constitution As They Work To Weaken America And Divide The Country**

- On the heels of their partisan impeachment, Democrats are once again working to weaken America and ignore the Constitution simply because they disagree with the President.
- If Democrats don't like the President's policies, they should try to beat Republicans at the ballot box rather than taking action that weakens American security and emboldens our enemies.
- Democrats are putting their political agenda ahead of our national security, opting to undermine the President at a time when our nation should be showing resolve and unity.

## **POTUS Has Clear Legal And Constitutional Basis To Take Action and Protect America's Interests**

- This resolution is unconstitutional.
- President Trump's strike against Soleimani was well within his Article II authority to defend the nation as Commander-in-Chief.
- The President's ability to act swiftly and decisively with flexibility is critical for our security.
- Soleimani was actively developing plans to strike U.S. diplomatic personnel and service members throughout the region.
- Under the 2002 AUMF, the President has the authority to defend the national security of the United States against threats emanating from Iraq—where Soleimani spent years cultivating violent Iran-backed proxies.
- Democrats' resolution would serve only to embolden Iran by casting doubt on U.S. resolve and demonstrating a lack of unity within our government.
- The U.S. is not seeking escalation. Iran is.
  - Iran has been attacking U.S. personnel and interests for more than 40 years. The regime has the blood of thousands, including hundreds of Americans, on their hands.
  - Iran ignored the Administration's warnings and instead escalated its efforts over the course of many months.
  - In the last two months alone, Iran has used its proxies in Iraq to launch more than a dozen rocket attacks aimed at U.S. forces or interests.
  - The Administration's defensive actions are necessary to defend our security.