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CONGRESS HONORS U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. House of Representatives today unanimously approved H. Res. 309, a bill recognizing the U.S. Capitol Police for their around the clock commitment to maintaining the safety and security of the US Capitol, Members of Congress and the thousands of staff and visitors who occupy the grounds daily.

"On September 11, the United States Capitol Police rose to the challenge. In the face of uncertainty and while our nation was under attack, the men and women of the Capitol Police remained behind as the Capitol compound was evacuated. They worked to ensure our safety. On that day, every member of the House and Senate, staff, and visitors witnessed the bravery and commitment of the Capitol Police," Schakowsky said.

"Today we mark three months since the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and New York City. Since 9-11, twelve-hour days, six-day weeks, overtime and cancelled vacations are the norm, not the exception, for the Capitol Police. This resolution, H.Res. 309, is a small token signifying that your dedication and personal sacrifices have not gone unnoticed. I thank you for your service to us, to our community and to our great nation," Schakowsky added.