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Ruppersberger Releases Statement on Libyan Resolutions

(Washington, DC) – Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD), Ranking Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement today on the resolutions offered today in the House of Representatives by Speaker John Boehner and Congressman Dennis Kucinich.

“An unprecedented coalition of countries prevented the widespread massacre of thousands of innocent people in Libya by intervening and enforcing a no-fly zone. These actions were approved by a team of countries, the United Nations with support from the Arab League and other European allies. Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi is a ruthless terrorist who has no respect for human life. He can not be trusted. Gaddafi has killed and will continue to kill his own people. He has committed acts of terrorism against Americans and American interests. A Maryland family lost their college age daughter in the Lockerbie bombing that he masterminded.

I believe there is a compelling case for the UN-lead mission in Libya. If left unchecked, Gaddafi could attack again. He must be stopped. Our highest priority must be America’s national security.

While I certainly agree the United States should not put boots on the ground in Libya, I did not support either of these resolutions taken up today in the House of Representatives. I believe they both unnecessarily tie the President’s hands, undermine the mission and send the wrong message to our allies around the world.”

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