

## HR 2790

Our Obligation to Recognize American Heroes (OORAH) Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** May 16, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Jun 26, 2019)

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Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Aug 16, 2019
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Aug 23, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1790	Related bill	<b>Dec 20, 2019:</b> Became Public Law No: 116-92.
116 S 1529	Related bill	<b>May 16, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## Summary (as of May 16, 2019)

### Our Obligation to Recognize American Heroes (OORAH) Act of 2019

This bill authorizes jurisdiction over certain Iranian assets so that judgments against Iran for the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, may be collected by the victims' families. Specifically, the bill establishes personal jurisdiction for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York over Iranian funds held outside the United States by any foreign securities intermediary.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.

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