

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran held parliamentary elections on February 18, 2000;

Whereas more than 75 percent of the approximately 39,000,000 eligible voters cast ballots in the elections;

Whereas preliminary results indicate that reformers have won a parliamentary majority, freeing Iran's parliament, the Majlis, of hard-line domination for the first time since the 1979 Iranian revolution;

Whereas reformers won elections despite concerted efforts by hard-line Iranian clergy to ban reformist forces from the ballot; and

Whereas the elections show a clear preference by a majority of Iranian voters for democracy, rule of law, and improved relations with Western nations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) commends the people of Iran for their com-
4 mitment to the democratic process;

5 (2) congratulates reformist parliamentarians on
6 their recent electoral victory;

1 (3) reaffirms the desire of the United States to
2 see free, democratic political development, the res-
3 toration of the rule of law, and full civil and political
4 rights for all Iranians; and

5 (4) calls on the Government of Iran to rejoin
6 the community of nations and renounce terrorism,
7 opposition to the Middle East peace process, and the
8 development and acquisition of weapons of mass de-
9 struction.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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Commending the people of Iran for their commitment to the democratic process and positive political reform on the occasion of Iran's parliamentary elections.