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H. CON. RES. 122

Urging the United Nations to put in place broad United Nations Security Council authority to help the people of Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TAUSCHER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging the United Nations to put in place broad United Nations Security Council authority to help the people of Iraq.

Whereas the United States is currently leading an international effort to remove the threat of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, which are banned by 17 United Nations Security Council resolutions, including Security Council Resolution 1441 (November 8, 2002);

Whereas on September 12, 2002, President George W. Bush committed the United States to “work with the United Nations Security Council to meet our common challenge” posed by Iraq and stated that a peaceful Iraq “could open the prospect of the United Nations helping to build a government that represents all Iraqis—a government

based on respect for human rights, economic liberty, and internationally supervised elections”;

Whereas the challenges posed by administering post-war Iraq will be significant and include providing and distributing humanitarian aid, demobilizing and disarming Iraqi forces, disposing of Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction, addressing possible war crimes committed by senior members of the Iraqi leadership, restoring the operations of the United Nations-supervised “Oil-for-Food” program, managing Iraq’s national resources, and lifting international sanctions on Iraq;

Whereas efforts to rebuild Iraq will be lengthy, costly, and will require working with our partners in the region as well as members of the international community;

Whereas the United Nations has considerable experience in assisting in the transition of countries emerging from conflict, such as Bosnia, Kosovo, East Timor and Namibia;

Whereas the United Nations has a number of administrative mechanisms that might play a role in post-war Iraq, such as the United Nations Trusteeship Council, established under article 75 of the United Nations Charter, and which has managed the transition to independence and democracy of a number of territories; and

Whereas Secretary of State Colin Powell has stated his interest in putting “in place broad [United Nations] Security Council authority to help the people of Iraq”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That the President should instruct the Per-
- 3 manent Representative of the United States to the United

- 1 Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States
- 2 to urge the United Nations to put in place broad United
- 3 Nations Security Council authority to help the people of
- 4 Iraq.

