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H. RES. 60

Relating to the free election in Iraq held on January 30, 2005.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELAY (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOYER, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. HYDE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. DREIER, and Mr. HUNTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

RESOLUTION

Relating to the free election in Iraq held on January 30,
2005.

Whereas in April 2003, United States Armed Forces and other Coalition forces liberated the people of Iraq from the dictatorial regime of Saddam Hussein;

Whereas at the end of June 2004, an Interim Government of Iraq assumed sovereign authority over Iraq;

Whereas the Interim Government of Iraq called an election for January 30, 2005, to elect a Transitional National Assembly, which will choose Iraq's Transitional Presidency Council, approve Iraq's other national leaders,

serve as a transitional legislature, and draft a permanent Iraqi Constitution to be submitted to a referendum;

Whereas tens of thousands of Iraqis signed petitions nominating thousands of candidates for seats in the Transitional National Assembly under rules prescribed by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq;

Whereas thousands of Iraqis served as poll workers or observers;

Whereas a terrorist insurgency used murder and intimidation in a desperate but ultimately fruitless attempt to prevent the people of Iraq from exercising their right to choose their own leaders;

Whereas despite the efforts of Coalition forces and Iraqi security forces, a regrettably large number of Iraqi election workers, political party volunteers, security officials, candidates, and ordinary citizens attempting to participate in the political process or who were merely innocent bystanders were victimized by the insurgency, with some individuals having been killed while attempting to vote;

Whereas millions of Iraqis nevertheless exercised their right to vote, despite threats and actual violence directed against them;

Whereas Coalition forces, in cooperation with Iraqi security forces, continue to provide security for the people of Iraq; and

Whereas a representative democracy is more than a way to settle disputes but, most importantly, ascribes intrinsic value to every human being: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) congratulates the people of Iraq, in par-
2 ticular those individuals who participated in the po-
3 litical process as voters, poll workers, observers,
4 party workers, or candidates for the Transitional
5 National Assembly, for having taken part in the his-
6 toric and inspiring Iraqi election of January 30,
7 2005;

8 (2) expresses its thanks to the Interim Govern-
9 ment of Iraq and the Independent Electoral Com-
10 mission of Iraq, Iraqi and Coalition security forces,
11 and the civilian United States and international
12 partners of the Government of Iraq for their tena-
13 cious efforts to create the conditions in which a free
14 election could be held;

15 (3) expresses its condolences to the families of
16 those Iraqis who perished while attempting to exer-
17 cise their right to choose their government or while
18 protecting Iraqis who were doing so;

19 (4) congratulates the candidates who were elect-
20 ed to Iraq's Transitional National Assembly which
21 will be, when it is formed, the newest democratically-
22 elected legislature in the world;

23 (5) offers its continued support to the people
24 and political institutions of Iraq, including the Iraqi
25 Transitional National Assembly, as they deal with

1 the consequences of decades of misrule by the
2 former regime of Saddam Hussein;

3 (6) expresses its gratitude to the United States
4 Armed Forces for their ongoing valiant service to
5 their country and commitment to the highest ideals
6 and traditions of the people of the United States;

7 (7) expresses its gratitude to the families of
8 United States Armed Forces personnel, especially
9 the families of those who have lost loved ones in Op-
10 eration Iraqi Freedom, and to Armed Forces per-
11 sonnel wounded in the service of their country, for
12 their sacrifices;

13 (8) reaffirms that—

14 (A) United States Armed Forces in Iraq
15 will remain under the full authority, direction,
16 and control of their United States commanders;
17 and

18 (B) United States Armed Forces will pos-
19 sess all necessary authority to fulfill their mis-
20 sion in Iraq effectively and to provide for their
21 operational safety;

22 (9) urges the people of the United States and
23 other countries to celebrate this latest step in the
24 restoration of freedom to the people of Iraq; and

- 1 (10) reaffirms that the world is safer when de-
- 2 mocracy replaces tyranny.

