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H. RES. 1519

Honoring the important work of journalists covering the war in Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

Honoring the important work of journalists covering the war
in Iraq.

Whereas the freedom of the press is guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the press is essential to the preservation of freedom and liberty in a democratic society by playing a vital role in keeping the public informed;

Whereas citizens of the United States are best served by a vigorous media that provides detailed, accurate, and unbiased news, particularly when it comes to matters of war;

Whereas Iraq is recognized as the most dangerous place in the world to report and journalists working in Iraq have

had to endure extraordinarily harsh conditions to do their jobs; and

Whereas, as of July 2008, at least 179 journalists and media assistants have been killed and 51 journalists have been kidnapped while covering the war in Iraq according to the Committee to Protect Journalists: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the important work of journalists in
3 providing the public with information regarding the
4 war in Iraq;

5 (2) pays tribute to the journalists who have
6 been killed in Iraq;

7 (3) encourages the media to honor the members
8 of the United States Armed Forces who continue to
9 serve and sacrifice bravely in Iraq by providing thor-
10 ough coverage of the war in Iraq; and

11 (4) encourages the Department of Defense, the
12 Department of State, and other Federal depart-
13 ments and agencies that carry on operations and
14 other activities in Iraq to provide the highest pos-
15 sible level of openness, access, and transparency to
16 the press covering the war in Iraq.

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