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Recognizing the long and mutually-beneficial relationship between the United States and France and congratulating France's President-elect Nicolas Sarkozy on his victory in the May 6, 2007, Presidential election.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2007

Mr. BOUSTANY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the long and mutually-beneficial relationship between the United States and France and congratulating France's President-elect Nicolas Sarkozy on his victory in the May 6, 2007, Presidential election.

Whereas the United States and France share a long and mutually-beneficial relationship;

Whereas La Fayette helped the American Continental Army plan the successful military strategy to defeat the British during the War of Independence;

Whereas beginning in 1917, the armed forces of the United States and France fought side-by-side during World War I;

Whereas beginning in 1941, the armed forces of the United States and France fought side-by-side during World War II;

Whereas in 1949, France was one of the founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and has continued to cooperate in multinational exercises to protect the European continent;

Whereas in 1999, France worked with the United States and other allies to defeat Slobodan Milosevic, and has continued to be a key player in the peacekeeping forces in Kosovo;

Whereas France continues to be an ally in the global war on terrorism;

Whereas in 2003, France joined the multinational forces engaged in the conflict in Afghanistan to remove the Taliban government and to eliminate the safe haven provided to Al Qaeda;

Whereas France has taken lead to reduce Syrian influence in Lebanon and help stabilize Lebanon's democratically-elected government;

Whereas France joined the United Kingdom and Germany to form the EU-3 in an effort to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons capability;

Whereas France is a major economic trading partner of the United States with nearly \$1 billion worth of transactions per day;

Whereas the French influence continues to be celebrated throughout South Louisiana whereby nearly 250,000 people claim French to be their principle language; and

Whereas on May 6, 2007, Nicolas Sarkozy was elected as the next President of France: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the long and mutually-beneficial
3 relationship between the United States and France;
4 and

5 (2) congratulates France’s President-elect Nico-
6 las Sarkozy on his victory in the Presidential elec-
7 tion held on May 6, 2007.

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