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Expressing the sense of the Senate commending the inclusion of women in the Afghan Interim Administration and commending those who met at the historic Afghan Women's Summit for Democracy in Brussels.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2001

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the U.N. sponsored talks in Bonn included the participation of three women delegates and three women advisers;

Whereas women will serve in the Afghan Interim Administration, including in the position of Vice-Chair;

Whereas on December 4–5, 2001, the Afghan Women's Summit for Democracy met at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium;

Whereas fifty Afghan women leaders, broadly representative of women in Afghanistan, took part in the Summit, ensuring that the voices of Afghan women are heard;

Whereas the Afghan Women's Summit supports the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women and Peace and Security;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 reaffirms the importance of the equal participation and full involvement of women in all efforts for maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution;

Whereas women under the rule of the Taliban in Afghanistan were denied their basic human rights; and

Whereas the Senate has previously adopted a resolution insisting that Afghan women must be included in the planning the future reconstruction of Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) it is critically important for the future of
3 Afghanistan that women participated at the United
4 Nations sponsored talks in Bonn and will be in-
5 cluded in the Afghan interim administration; and

6 (2) the Afghan Women's Summit for Democ-
7 racy recommendations for health, education, political
8 participation, and refugee programs for women

- 1 should be strongly considered when shaping the fu-
- 2 ture of Afghanistan.

