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H. RES. 557

Relating to the liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant service of
the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2004

Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. GOSS, 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 liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant
service of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition
forces.

Whereas Saddam Hussein and his regime committed crimes
against humanity, systematically violating the human
rights of Iraqis and citizens of other countries;

Whereas Saddam Hussein's terror regime subjected the Iraqi
people to murder, torture, rape, and amputation;

Whereas on March 16, 1988, Saddam Hussein's regime had
and unleashed weapons of mass destruction against
Kurdish citizens, killing nearly 5,000 of them;

Whereas as many as 270 mass grave sites, containing the remains of as many as 400,000 victims of Saddam Hussein’s regime, have been found in Iraq;

Whereas rape was used to intimidate the Iraqi population, with victims often raped in front of their families;

Whereas the regime punished the Marsh Arabs by draining the marshlands, which created hundreds of thousands of refugees and caused an ecological catastrophe;

Whereas the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–338), passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 360 to 38, made it United States policy to support efforts to remove from power the regime headed by Saddam Hussein;

Whereas with the Iraqi regime failing to comply with 16 previously adopted United Nations Security Council resolutions, the Security Council unanimously approved Resolution 1441 on November 8, 2002, declaring that Iraq “has been and remains in material breach of its obligations under relevant resolutions, including resolution 687 (1991), in particular through Iraq’s failure to cooperate with United Nations inspectors”; and

Whereas on October 10, 2002, the House of Representatives passed the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243) and on March 19, 2003, the United States initiated military operations in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) affirms that the United States and the
3 world have been made safer with the removal of
4 Saddam Hussein and his regime from power in Iraq;

1 (2) commends the Iraqi people for their courage
2 in the face of unspeakable oppression and brutality
3 inflicted on them by Saddam Hussein's regime;

4 (3) commends the Iraqi people on the adoption
5 of Iraq's interim constitution; and

6 (4) commends the members of the United
7 States Armed Forces and Coalition forces for liber-
8 ating Iraq and expresses its gratitude for their val-
9 iant service.

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