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H. CON. RES. 147

Commending the decision to grant women in Kuwait the right to vote and run for elected office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. KELLY, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the decision to grant women in Kuwait the right to vote and run for elected office.

Whereas His Royal Highness Emir Jabir al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti Cabinet have recognized the right of Kuwaiti women citizens to participate in their country's electoral politics beginning in 2003;

Whereas on May 16, 1999, the Emir decreed with the Cabinet's blessing that women should be given the right to vote and run for the elected national assembly; and

Whereas many men and women in Kuwait have been advocating for human and political rights and full participation of all citizens in the political process: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress of the United States—

3 (1) commends His Royal Highness Emir Jabir
 4 al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait for his com-
 5 mitment to Kuwaiti womens' right to vote and run
 6 for public office, as reflected in his decision on May
 7 16, 1999;

8 (2) congratulates the women of Kuwait for this
 9 achievement;

10 (3) urges the Kuwaiti Parliament to strongly
 11 support this landmark decision giving women in Ku-
 12 wait the right to vote and run for elected office, and
 13 which brings honor and respect to the Emir and the
 14 people of Kuwait; and

15 (4) urges President Clinton to support further
 16 democratic development in the Persian Gulf region.

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