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Expressing the thanks of Congress to the people of Qatar for their cooperation in supporting United States Armed Forces and the armed forces of coalition countries during the recent military action in Iraq and welcoming His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifah Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2003

Mr. RAHALL (for himself and Mr. ROHRABACHER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Qatar is a longstanding ally of the United States in the Middle East region;

Whereas the people of Qatar graciously hosted United States Armed Forces and the armed forces of coalition countries during the recent military action in Iraq;

Whereas the United States and Qatar will continue to build upon this military cooperation;

Whereas Qatar continues to grow in its economic and strategic defense cooperation with the United States and its allies;

Whereas the people of Qatar voted on April 29, 2003, on a referendum approving the establishment of their first Parliamentary Constitution;

Whereas years of democratic reform, including establishment of a parliament based on universal suffrage, development of a free press, and evolution of a free market have greatly strengthened the bonds between our two nations;

Whereas an unwavering commitment to the development of the education of its citizens reinforces Qatar's path toward democracy; and

Whereas Doha, the capital of Qatar, hosted in November 2001 the Fourth World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference, where a number of agreements expanding our defense, commercial, and cultural ties were signed: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) expresses thanks to the people of Qatar for their
4 support of United States Armed Forces and the armed
5 forces of coalition countries during the recent military ac-
6 tion in Iraq;

7 (2) warmly welcomes His Highness Sheikh Hamad
8 bin Khalifah Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, to the
9 United States; and

- 1 (3) looks forward to broadening and deepening the
- 2 friendship and cooperation between the United States and
- 3 Qatar.

