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Welcoming His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al-Kalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on his visit to the United States in February 2003.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mrs. TAUSCHER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the ties between the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain have spanned more than a century, beginning with the establishment of the first American hospital in the region at the turn of the 20th century;

Whereas in 1949 Bahrain and the United States Navy established a military relationship, thereby demonstrating Bahrain's consistent and strong commitment to both regional and international peace and stability;

Whereas this cooperative spirit is still evident in Bahrain's support for United States Armed Forces operating in Bahrain;

Whereas since assuming the throne in 1999 His Majesty King Hamad has successfully steered Bahrain toward developing a diversified economy and transforming the country into a constitutional monarchy;

Whereas the amended Bahraini Constitution reinforces and guarantees the political equality of women and freedom of religion;

Whereas municipal elections were revived in May 2002 and a democratically-elected Parliament was formed in October 2002;

Whereas in these elections women were for the first time active participants as both voters and candidates; and

Whereas His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa will visit the United States to further strengthen ties between the United States and Bahrain: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) welcomes His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa
4 Al-Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain on his visit
5 to the United States in February 2003;

6 (2) commends Bahrain for its strong support of
7 the United States Armed Forces; and

8 (3) reiterates its support for continued strong
9 relations between the United States and Bahrain.

