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Commending Iraqi women for their participation in Iraqi government and civil society, encouraging the inclusion of Iraqi women in the political and economic life of Iraq, and advocating the protection of Iraqi women's human rights in the Iraqi Constitution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending Iraqi women for their participation in Iraqi government and civil society, encouraging the inclusion of Iraqi women in the political and economic life of Iraq, and advocating the protection of Iraqi women's human rights in the Iraqi Constitution.

Whereas the Saddam Hussein regime committed human rights atrocities against the citizens of Iraq;

Whereas women in Iraq suffered under the Saddam Hussein regime;

Whereas the Iraqi people have rejected Saddam Hussein and are in the process of building a free and democratic republic and repairing the damage inflicted upon Iraqi society by Saddam Hussein;

Whereas women in Iraq hope that in a more democratic society they will be able to regain their roles in society and exercise their basic human rights;

Whereas the end of the Saddam Hussein regime has given women in Iraq hope to regain their roles in society;

Whereas women in Iraq have played important roles in public and private industries, including the government;

Whereas the reconstruction of Iraq and the writing of the Iraqi Constitution provide a unique opportunity to continue this success and to affirm women's human rights under law;

Whereas for women to fully participate in Iraqi society, they must have the right to vote, the right to run for office, equality of opportunity, and access to health care, education, and employment; and

Whereas the United States, through its diplomatic activities, is actively involved in encouraging the full inclusion and participation of Iraqi women in the political and economic life of their country, and must continue to do so throughout the reconstruction process: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends the participation of Iraqi women
4 in Iraq's government and civil society;

5 (2) proclaims its ongoing commitment to en-
6 couraging the full inclusion of women, and indeed all
7 members of Iraqi society, in the political and eco-
8 nomic life of their country; and

1 (3) advocates the protection of the human
2 rights of all Iraqis, particularly women, in the Iraqi
3 Constitution.

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