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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself and Mr. RYUN of Kansas) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas on September 20, 2001, in a joint session of Congress, the President announced the start of the war on terrorism;

Whereas on March 19, 2003, the President ordered United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces to attack Iraq;

Whereas the valiant and dedicated members of the United States Armed Forces consistently perform in an excep-

tionally professional manner befitting an all-volunteer military force;

Whereas as a fellow democracy, Taiwan shares the United States' passion for promoting freedom, democracy, and human rights around the world;

Whereas the Government of Taiwan is currently studying the feasibility of sending up to 5,000 Taiwanese Marines to Iraq to fight alongside United States and Coalition forces;

Whereas Taiwan has made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in the war on terrorism, as evidenced most recently during the war in Afghanistan;

Whereas Taiwan was one of the first countries that expressed condolences and offered assistance to the United States after the September 11, 2001, attacks upon the United States;

Whereas the United States is requesting other countries to send ground forces to Iraq and members of the United States Armed Forces are having their deployment to Iraq extended;

Whereas Taiwan could deploy relatively quickly a number of its 35,000 Marines to Iraq;

Whereas 35,000 Taiwanese Marines is equivalent to the strength of some divisions of the United States Armed Forces or three divisions of Coalition forces;

Whereas the Taiwanese Marines have a deserved reputation throughout the Far East for their high level of training and motivation;

Whereas having Taiwanese Marines in Iraq could reduce the need for involuntary retention of members of the United States Armed Forces and would create positive effects throughout the United States military; and

Whereas it is vital to have a policy of inclusion of the entire world community in the global war on terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

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

3               (1) the President of the United States should  
4       request Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian to de-  
5       ploy Taiwanese Marines to Iraq to join international  
6       Coalition forces in the global war on terrorism; and

7               (2) if Taiwan decides to deploy its armed forces  
8       to Iraq, the United States should facilitate such de-  
9       ployment by all appropriate means.

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