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Commending Private First Class Jessica Lynch, United States Army, the special operations forces who on April 1, 2003, rescued her from captivity by Iraqi forces, and all United States and coalition forces in Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPITO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Commending Private First Class Jessica Lynch, United States Army, the special operations forces who on April 1, 2003, rescued her from captivity by Iraqi forces, and all United States and coalition forces in Iraq.

Whereas on March 23, 2003, near An Nasiriyah, Iraq, members of the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, were ambushed by Iraqi forces, leaving two members of the unit killed, five taken as prisoners of war, and eight, including Private First Class Jessica Lynch of Palestine, West Virginia, missing;

Whereas on April 1, 2003, special operations forces of the United States Armed Forces rescued Private First Class Lynch from captivity at the Saddam Hospital in An Nasiriyah, Iraq;

Whereas Private First Class Lynch, exemplifying the finest standards of excellence in American military service, survived for nine days through courage and skill while held by Iraqi forces; and

Whereas the rescue operation was the result of a massive effort of helicopter-borne special operations personnel and other members of the Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) Private First Class Jessica Lynch, United
4 States Army, and all members of United States and
5 coalition forces participating in Operation Iraqi
6 Freedom deserve the respect and admiration of all
7 Americans for their exemplary service in life-threat-
8 ening circumstances;

9 (2) the happiness and relief felt by the family
10 and friends of Private First Class Lynch as a result
11 of her rescue by United States special operations
12 forces on April 1, 2003, is shared by the House of
13 Representatives and all Americans;

14 (3) all members of the Armed Forces involved
15 in the operation to rescue Private First Class Lynch,
16 including Army Rangers, Air Force pilots and com-

1 bat controllers, United States Marines, and Navy
2 SEALs, and in particular those special operations
3 personnel directly involved in the rescue, are to be
4 commended for their heroic actions and their com-
5 mitment to leave no comrade behind; and

6 (4) the thoughts and prayers of the House of
7 Representatives are with the families and members
8 of the Armed Forces who are still missing or held
9 as prisoners of war in Iraq.

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