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H. RES. 564

Relating to the liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant service of
the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI (for herself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MURTHA, and Mr. MATSUI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

Relating to the liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant
service of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition
forces.

Whereas Saddam Hussein and his regime committed crimes
against humanity, systematically violating the human
rights of Iraqis and citizens of other countries;

Whereas Saddam Hussein's terror regime subjected the Iraqi
people to murder, torture, rape, and amputation;

Whereas on March 16, 1988, Saddam Hussein's regime had
and unleashed weapons of mass destruction against
Kurdish citizens, killing nearly 5,000 of them;

Whereas as many as 270 mass grave sites, containing the remains of as many as 400,000 victims of Saddam Hussein's regime, have been found in Iraq;

Whereas rape was used to intimidate the Iraqi population, with victims often raped in front of their families;

Whereas the regime punished the Marsh Arabs by draining the marshlands, which created hundreds of thousands of refugees and caused an ecological catastrophe;

Whereas the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–338), passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 360 to 38, made it United States policy to support efforts to remove from power the regime headed by Saddam Hussein;

Whereas with the Iraqi regime failing to comply with 16 previously adopted United Nations Security Council resolutions, the Security Council unanimously approved Resolution 1441 on November 8, 2002, declaring that Iraq “has been and remains in material breach of its obligations under relevant resolutions, including resolution 687 (1991), in particular through Iraq’s failure to cooperate with United Nations inspectors”; and

Whereas on October 10, 2002, the House of Representatives passed the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243) and on March 19, 2003, the United States initiated military operations in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) acknowledges the belief that the United
3 States and the world have been made safer with the
4 removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime from

1 power in Iraq, and the belief that a final judgment
2 on the value of activities in Iraq cannot be made
3 until Iraq is stable and secure;

4 (2) commends the Iraqi people for their courage
5 in the face of unspeakable oppression and brutality
6 inflicted on them by Saddam Hussein's regime;

7 (3) commends the Iraqi people on the adoption
8 of Iraq's interim constitution;

9 (4) commends the members of the United
10 States Armed Forces and Coalition forces for liber-
11 ating Iraq and expresses its gratitude for their val-
12 iant service;

13 (5) urges the President—

14 (A) to take all steps necessary to ensure
15 that all members of the United States Armed
16 Forces serving in Iraq receive the best force
17 protection equipment available, including pro-
18 tective body armor and extra-armored wheeled
19 vehicles capable of providing better protection
20 against explosive devices;

21 (B) to ensure that all members of the
22 Armed Forces who suffer wounds or other inju-
23 ries, or who incur illness, while serving in Iraq
24 receive complete, timely, and high-quality health
25 care to treat the short-term and long-term con-

1 sequences of such wounds, injuries, and ill-
2 nesses;

3 (C) to recognize the key contributions
4 made by members of the reserve components of
5 the Armed Forces, and their families, in Oper-
6 ation Iraqi Freedom, and, in consultation with
7 Congress, to address immediately the disparity
8 that exists for many Reserve and Guard per-
9 sonnel between the pay they receive in civilian
10 life and the military compensation they receive
11 when ordered to active duty;

12 (D) to acknowledge that there were serious
13 deficiencies in United States pre-war intel-
14 ligence on Iraq, particularly in light of the fail-
15 ure to find any evidence of significant weapons
16 of mass destruction stockpiles, and to take
17 steps now to improve intelligence so that United
18 States troops are better protected and future
19 United States national security strategies are
20 better informed;

21 (E) to request sufficient funding imme-
22 diately to fully support United States military
23 operations in Iraq and the surrounding region
24 in order to ensure the safety and well-being of

1 United States troops deployed to Iraq and the
2 surrounding region;

3 (F) to obtain far-reaching international
4 participation in the securing, reconstruction,
5 and political development of Iraq, including the
6 protection of women's and children's rights; and

7 (G) to take steps to correct the failure of
8 the United States Government to plan ade-
9 quately for the post-war occupation of Iraq, in-
10 cluding the failure to integrate internal United
11 States Government studies and outside expert
12 opinions that predicted the onset of guerrilla
13 activity and described how to promote effective
14 reconstruction, democratization, and civil soci-
15 ety development activities, and the failure to
16 apply those studies and opinions today in order
17 to improve current United States reconstruction
18 efforts in Iraq;

19 (6) expresses deep sorrow and regret for the
20 deaths of more than 550 and the wounding of more
21 than 3,500 members of the United States Armed
22 Forces in Iraq and extends support to their families;
23 and

24 (7) expresses sorrow and regret for the deaths
25 in Iraq of United States civilians, United Nations

- 1 personnel, unknown numbers of Iraqi civilians, and
- 2 other noncombatants.

