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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Abu Ghraib prison must be demolished to underscore the United States abhorrence of the mistreatment of prisoners in Iraq.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Abu Ghraib prison must be demolished to underscore the United States abhorrence of the mistreatment of prisoners in Iraq.

Whereas the Abu Ghraib prison was used by Saddam Hussein to execute and torture thousands of men, women, and children;

Whereas Saddam and his Special Security Organization oversaw the execution of thousands of political prisoners;

Whereas the Abu Ghraib prison is notoriously known as a death chamber by the Iraqi people;

Whereas the Abu Ghraib prison is arguably the largest and most feared prison in the Arab world;

Whereas it is widely known that one of Saddam's sons, in one day, ordered the execution of 3,000 prisoners at the prison;

Whereas the recent reports of atrocities and abhorrent mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison are un-American, do not represent our values, and have sent the wrong message about the United States intentions in Iraq;

Whereas the American people will not tolerate the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners;

Whereas the American people view this prison as a symbol of evil, and where past cruel torture and mistreatment occurred; and

Whereas the American people would like to rid the world of this evil place where past, and unfortunately current reported mistreatment has occurred: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
 2 Abu Ghraib prison, also known as the Baghdad Central
 3 Detention Center, be completely demolished as an expression and symbolic gesture that the American people will
 4 not tolerate the past and current mistreatment of prisoners.
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