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Urging the Government of the United States to declare that it does not intend to establish a long-term or permanent military occupation of Iraq, and to work with the United Nations to convene an international conference on Iraq's future.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Ms. LEE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FARR, Ms. WATERS, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. STARK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging the Government of the United States to declare that it does not intend to establish a long-term or permanent military occupation of Iraq, and to work with the United Nations to convene an international conference on Iraq's future.

Whereas it has become increasingly obvious that the rationale for the military invasion of Iraq was based upon information and intelligence that was falsified and misleading;

Whereas the subsequent occupation of Iraq has resulted in conditions that have led to the deterioration of economic and social conditions as well as increasing tensions between Iraq's ethnic communities;

Whereas United States military, diplomatic, and economic policies have not sufficiently acknowledged the complicated tensions among Shia, Sunni, and Kurdish Iraqis, and within these three ethnic groups;

Whereas the United States Government has not sufficiently set conditions for Iraqis to take the lead in providing security for their people and completing their political transition;

Whereas Iraq is a country on the verge of disintegration, already indicating conditions of civil war, making it a potential haven for radical jihadists from other nations in the Middle East and around the world;

Whereas the United States failure to acknowledge cultural tensions, and implement an adequate strategy to address these tensions, has exacerbated the hostility among factions and the development of international terrorism in Iraq and elsewhere around the world;

Whereas the insurgency in Iraq is growing in strength and destructive ability because an increasing number of Iraqis, especially Sunnis, are strengthening their opposition to United States occupation;

Whereas the strength of the insurgency may also be attributed to a substantial number of Iraqi civilian casualties of war, as well as the increasingly brutal tactics of governing Shiites against the Sunnis;

Whereas the United States attempts at public diplomacy have not sufficiently addressed the low public approval ratings of the United States among nations of the Middle East and in the Arab and Muslim world; and

Whereas the continuation of a United States presence in Iraq facilitates the increase of international terrorism and

weakens our relationships with other countries of the Middle East: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) Congress urges the Government of the  
4       United States to declare that it does not intend to  
5       establish a long-term or permanent military occupa-  
6       tion of Iraq, including establishing permanent mili-  
7       tary bases in Iraq;

8           (2) Congress urges the Government of the  
9       United States to work with the United Nations to  
10      convene an international conference with the partici-  
11      pation of the League of Arab States, the European  
12      Union, Russia, China, Japan, and Israel; and

13          (3) at such a conference, the United States  
14      should work with the other nations to—

15           (A) develop a plan for the peaceful accom-  
16      modation of Iraq's diverse cultural groups, in-  
17      cluding Shias, Sunnis, and Kurds, within Iraq;

18           (B) establish a system to help settle dis-  
19      putes among Iraq's diverse cultural groups;

20           (C) bring terrorists in Iraq to justice;

21           (D) assist in the harmonious and produc-  
22      tive involvement of countries of the region with  
23      the rest of the world; and

1           (E) adopt a comprehensive, international  
2           program to address and eliminate the dan-  
3           gerous and destructive activities of terrorist or-  
4           ganizations active in Iraq and elsewhere around  
5           the world.

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