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H. RES. 358

Recognizing the significance of the contribution of the Brotherhood of the Badge to the Global War on Terror through its provision of surplus law enforcement equipment to Iraqi police forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. NUNES, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. CARDOZA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the significance of the contribution of the Brotherhood of the Badge to the Global War on Terror through its provision of surplus law enforcement equipment to Iraqi police forces.

Whereas Mike Harris and Brian Burry of the Fresno City Police Department and Ken Shockley of the Fresno City Fire Department founded the Brotherhood of the Badge in Fresno, California, an organization to help supply Iraqi police forces with much-needed surplus body armor, including bulletproof vests, and other vital law enforcement equipment;

Whereas over 100 law enforcement agencies from across the United States have donated surplus equipment to the

Brotherhood of the Badge in order to help supply Iraqi police forces;

Whereas private donations of more than \$2.7 million to the Brotherhood of the Badge have financed the purchase of new bulletproof vests distributed to Iraqi police forces;

Whereas the Brotherhood of the Badge has supplied Iraqi police forces with over 20,000 bulletproof vests to date;

Whereas bulletproof vests have proven to be an invaluable piece of equipment for Iraqi police forces and have saved a significant number of lives;

Whereas well-equipped, trained, and prepared Iraqi police forces are in the best interest of United States military personnel serving in Iraq;

Whereas the departure of the United States military from Iraq largely depends on the ability of Iraqi police forces to enforce laws, defend the people of Iraq, and keep the peace;

Whereas Iraqi police forces that can enforce laws, defend the people of Iraq, and keep the peace will greatly contribute to a self-sustainable Iraqi government and general stability in the Middle East;

Whereas the Brotherhood of the Badge expresses a desire to expand its operation to include assistance to Iraqi firefighter services; and

Whereas the Brotherhood of the Badge encourages and invites all police and fire departments in the United States to contribute any and all surplus law enforcement and firefighter equipment in order to help supply Iraqi police forces and Iraqi firefighter services: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the significance of the contribution of the Brother-
3 hood of the Badge to the Global War on Terror through
4 its provision of surplus law enforcement equipment to
5 Iraqi police forces.

