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Congratulating Qatar on the occasion of Qatari-American Friendship Day.

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Mr. RAHALL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Qatar on the occasion of Qatari-American
Friendship Day.

Whereas the United States Embassy in Doha, Qatar, will observe Monday, May 14, 2007, as “Qatari-American Friendship Day”;

Whereas Qatar is a major defense ally of the United States in the Middle East, with the Qatari and American forces benefitting from close cooperation;

Whereas democracy, under the leadership of His Highness the Emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, is developing in Qatar, which has successfully completed elections for its third Municipal Council, and Qatari women have always enjoyed the same political rights as men;

Whereas Qatar’s constitution has created a legislative body, of which 30 will be elected and 15 will be appointed, and those elections are expected in 2008;

Whereas Qatar is a major exporter of energy resources and, with Exxon Mobil and Conoco Phillips, plans to begin supplying the United States with natural gas in 2009, some of which would be delivered through a new facility, Golden Pass, in southeast Texas;

Whereas Qatar, through its wholly-owned company Qatar Petroleum, has been a dependable partner for American energy companies, also including Anadarko and Occidental Petroleum; and

Whereas Qatar, under the direction of His Highness, the Emir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza Nasser Al-Misnad, has embarked on an ambitious program of social development and change, particularly in the education sector, and at the visionary Education City Qatar hosts five major American universities, including Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUQ), Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q), Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ), Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q), and, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (SFS-Qatar): Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) congratulates Qatar on the occasion of
- 3 Qatari-American Friendship Day;
- 4 (2) commends Qatar’s progressive vision for the
- 5 future;

1 (3) wishes the Qatari people continued happi-
2 ness and prosperity; and

3 (4) renews America's commitment to Qatar as
4 a partner in freedom.

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