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H. RES. 835

Condemning Syria for its destabilizing actions in the Middle East region
and calling on Iraq not to reopen its oil pipeline to Syria.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. KUHLMANN of New York) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning Syria for its destabilizing actions in the Middle
East region and calling on Iraq not to reopen its oil
pipeline to Syria.

Whereas the assassination of Lebanese Member of Par-
liament Antoine Ghanem in September 2007, as well as
the prior assassinations of other anti-Syrian Lebanese
leaders, including former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq
Hariri, threatens an independent Lebanon;

Whereas Syria has continuously attempted to destabilize
neighboring countries;

Whereas Syria continues to provide arms and allow the trans-
fer of sophisticated rockets to Lebanese militias, particu-
larly Hezbollah and Palestinian factions in Lebanon, in
contravention of United Nations Security Council Resolu-

tion 1559 (2004) and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006);

Whereas Syria aids, assists, and allows the entrance of foreign fighters in Iraq, which accounts for many terrorist attacks in Iraq and contributes to the instigation of sectarian violence;

Whereas Syria aids, assists, and supports Ba'athist insurgents and financiers;

Whereas the Secretary of State has designated Syria a state sponsor of terrorism;

Whereas Syria is reportedly acquiring nuclear technology but has not ratified all protocols to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, done at Washington, London, and Moscow July 1, 1968, and entered into force March 5, 1970 (21 UST 483) that require inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency of nuclear facilities in Syria.

Whereas Iraq and Syria agreed in August 2007 to reopen an oil pipeline that extends from Kirkuk, Iraq, to Baniyas, Syria; and

Whereas any funds that Syria receives in connection with the export of Iraqi oil will likely contribute to Syria further destabilizing the Middle East region: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) condemns the assassinations of Lebanese
- 3 Member of Parliament Antoine Ghanem, former
- 4 Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri, and other
- 5 anti-Syrian Lebanese leaders; and

1 (2) calls on Iraq not to reopen the Kirkuk-
2 Baniyas oil pipeline until Syria makes significant
3 progress in—

4 (A) complying with all relevant United Na-
5 tions Security Council Resolutions, including
6 the Hezbollah disarmament provisions of
7 United Nations Security Council Resolution
8 1559 (2004) and United Nations Security
9 Council Resolution 1701 (2006);

10 (B) implementing meaningful, measurable
11 border control policies that effectively reduce
12 the number of foreign fighters entering Iraq;

13 (C) ending any support it gives to
14 Ba'athist insurgents and financiers;

15 (D) ratifying all protocols of the Treaty on
16 the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,
17 done at Washington, London, and Moscow July
18 1, 1968, and entered into force March 5, 1970
19 (21 UST 483); and

20 (E) allowing inspections by the Inter-
21 national Atomic Energy Agency of nuclear fa-
22 cilities in Syria.

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