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# H. RES. 1597

Encouraging the United Kingdom to investigate British Petroleum (BP) for foreign corrupt practices.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Mr. MAFFEI (for himself, Mr. LEE of New York, and Mr. MCMAHON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Encouraging the United Kingdom to investigate British Petroleum (BP) for foreign corrupt practices.

Whereas Libyan Abdel Baset al-Megrahi was convicted for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, which killed 270 people, including 189 United States citizens;

Whereas the Scottish courts released al-Megrahi from prison on August 20, 2009, under the understanding that he was suffering from terminal prostate cancer;

Whereas the Scottish authorities have never clarified why al-Megrahi could not receive humane treatment while still in captivity;

Whereas al-Megrahi seems to have well outlived his original diagnosis;

Whereas it is very troubling that al-Megrahi received a hero's welcome to his home country of Libya;

Whereas British Petroleum (BP) admitted on July 15, 2010, that a delayed prisoner-transfer between Britain and Libya "could have a negative impact" on BP's oil negotiations;

Whereas there are allegations that BP inappropriately attempted to affect the Scottish Government's decision and possibly even the doctor's diagnosis; and

Whereas al-Megrahi's release sends an incredibly offensive message to the families that lost loved ones on Pan Am Flight 103: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives encour-
- 2 ages the United Kingdom to investigate British Petroleum
- 3 (BP) for foreign corrupt practices.

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