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H. CON. RES. 104

Expressing the sense of Congress that the people of Baluchistan, currently divided between Pakistan, Iran, and Afghanistan, have the right to self-determination and to their own sovereign country.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Mr. ROHRABACHER (for himself, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. KING of Iowa) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the people of Baluchistan, currently divided between Pakistan, Iran, and Afghanistan, have the right to self-determination and to their own sovereign country.

Whereas the people of Baluchistan have maintained a proud and distinctive national, cultural, and religious identity dating back to ancient times;

Whereas in 1666, the Baluch Khanate of Kalat was founded which functioned as an independent, sovereign country;

Whereas in the 19th century, the Baluch people were conquered and divided by the imperialist expansion of Persia (Iran) and the British Empire;

Whereas, on August 15, 1947, the Khan of Kalat declared independence, only to have Baluch aspirations crushed by an invasion by Pakistan in April 1948 followed by 2 years of a bloody campaign to stamp out popular resistance;

Whereas revolts in 1958, 1973, and 2005 indicate continued popular discontent against rule by Islamabad, and the plunder of its vast natural wealth while Baluchistan remains the poorest province in Pakistan;

Whereas a popular insurgency is also under way in Sistan-Baluchistan and being met by brutal repression by the dictatorship in Iran which has added religious bigotry to tyranny; and

Whereas it is the policy of the United States to oppose aggression and the violation of human rights inherent in the subjugation of national groups as currently being shown in Iran and Pakistan against the aspirations of the Baluch people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the peo-
 3 ple of Baluchistan, currently divided between Pakistan,
 4 Iran, and Afghanistan, have the right to self-determina-
 5 tion and to their own sovereign country and they should
 6 be afforded the opportunity to choose their own status
 7 among the community of nations, living in peace and har-
 8 mony, without external coercion.

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