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H. RES. 231

Urging that the United States, the Government of Iraq, and other responsible actors ensure that humanitarian protections are upheld for the residents of Camp Ashraf in Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2011

Ms. Ros-Lehtinen (for herself and Mr. Sherman) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Urging that the United States, the Government of Iraq, and other responsible actors ensure that humanitarian protections are upheld for the residents of Camp Ashraf in Iraq.

Whereas the United States Embassy Statement on Transfer of Security Responsibility for Camp Ashraf of December 28, 2008, states that, "The Government of Iraq has provided the US Government written assurances of humane treatment of the Camp Ashraf residents in accordance with Iraq's Constitution, laws and international obligations.";

Whereas, on April 8, 2011, Iraqi forces initiated the use of force against residents of Camp Ashraf, resulting in the death of a number of Camp Ashraf residents and the wounding of many others;

Whereas reports emerged regarding the continuous harassment of, and denial of medical assistance and other vital services to Ashraf residents by Iraqi security forces;

Whereas previously, on July 28, 2009, Iraqi forces had initiated the use of force against residents of Camp Ashraf in Iraq, resulting in the death of a number of Camp Ashraf residents and the wounding of many others; and

Whereas the Government of Iraq has a responsibility to uphold the assurances provided to the United States Government regarding the humane treatment of the residents of Ashraf in accordance with Iraq's Constitution, laws, and international obligations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) urges the Government of Iraq to uphold its commitment to the United States to ensure the continued well-being of those living in Camp Ashraf and prevent their involuntary return to Iran in accordance with United States Embassy Statement on Transfer of Security Responsibility for Camp Ashraf of December 28, 2008; and
 - (2) calls upon the President to take all necessary and appropriate steps to support the commitments of the United States to ensure the physical security and protection of Camp Ashraf residents.

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