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H. CON. RES. 310

Honoring the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces who are serving in, or have served in, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2010

Mr. McKEON (for himself, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. FORBES, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. CARTER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. AKIN, Mr. TURNER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. PENCE, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. McCARTHY of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. DJOU) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces who are serving in, or have served in, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Whereas the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; October 16, 2002), authorizes the President to use military force to “defend the national security of the United States

against the continuing threat posed by Iraq” and “to enforce all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions against Iraq”;

Whereas more than 4,000 members of the Armed Forces have made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas tens of thousands of additional members of the Armed Forces have been seriously wounded in the line of duty while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of members of the Armed Forces have deployed for multiple tours of duty, leaving their homes, their families, and in the case of members of the reserve components, their civilian jobs;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces deserve the gratitude of all Americans for serving courageously in Iraq to ensure the protection of vital United States national interests;

Whereas President Obama announced that on August 31, 2010, the United States will transition from a combat mission in Iraq to an advisory and assistance mission for the Government of Iraq and the Iraqi Security Forces;

Whereas this transition was set in motion in January 2007 with the appointment of General David Petraeus to implement an overhauled strategy in Iraq fortified by a surge of United States troops;

Whereas the security situation in Iraq has been further strengthened by General Ray Odierno and the members of the Armed Forces who continue to serve bravely in Iraq;

Whereas the United States still has a vital role to play in Iraq;

Whereas Iraq’s enemies are still capable of carrying out attacks on high-profile targets, as evidenced by a recent bombing during a Shiite pilgrimage;

Whereas approximately 50,000 members of the Armed Forces will remain in Iraq for at least the next year to train and advise the Iraqi Security Forces and the Department of State will need to assume the many tasks related to security, governance, and rule of law carried out by the Armed Forces as the Armed Forces redeploy from Iraq in 2010 and 2011;

Whereas the President and the administration have a responsibility to work with the Government of Iraq to forge a lasting strategic partnership between the United States and Iraq; and

Whereas fully funding the President’s request to build the Iraqi Security Forces to be capable of preventing and countering terrorism and sectarian violence is vital to the success of the Armed Forces still serving in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) honors the members of the Armed Forces
 4 who are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the
 5 members of the Armed Forces and veterans who
 6 have previously served in Operation Iraqi Freedom;

7 (2) extends its gratitude to all those within the
 8 military and civilian departments and agencies of
 9 the United States Government responsible for direct-
 10 ing the implementation of the “surge strategy” and

1 bringing security and stability to Iraq, including
2 General David Petraeus and General Ray Odierno;

3 (3) recognizes the importance and significance
4 of success in Iraq;

5 (4) commits itself to working with President
6 Obama and the administration to build on the mili-
7 tary success in Iraq since the “surge strategy” was
8 implemented; and

9 (5) recognizes that the President and the ad-
10 ministration have a responsibility to build a lasting
11 strategic partnership between the United States and
12 Iraq.

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