

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 414

Relating to the reestablishment of representative government in Afghanistan.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. BEREUTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to the reestablishment of representative government in Afghanistan.

Whereas Afghanistan has existed as a sovereign nation since 1747, maintaining its independence, neutrality, and dignity;

Whereas Afghanistan had maintained its own decisionmaking through a traditional process called a “Loya Jirgah”, or Grand Assembly, by selecting, respecting, and following the decisions of their leaders;

Whereas recently warlords, factional leaders, and foreign regimes have laid siege to Afghanistan, leaving the landscape littered with landmines, making the most fundamental activities dangerous;

Whereas in recent years, and especially since the Taliban came to power in 1996, Afghanistan has become a haven for terrorist activity, has produced most of the world's opium supply, and has become infamous for its human rights abuses, particularly abuses against women and children;

Whereas the former King of Afghanistan, Mohammed Zahir Shah, ruled the country peacefully for 40 years, and after years in exile retains his popularity and support; and

Whereas former King Mohammed Zahir Shah plans to convene an emergency “Loya Jirgah” to reestablish a stable government, with no desire to regain power or reestablish a monarchy, and the Department of State supports such ongoing efforts: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) supports the right of the people of Afghani-  
4 stan to determine their own destiny through the tra-  
5 ditional Afghan “Loya Jirgah” process; and

6            (2) supports the continuing efforts of former  
7 King Mohammed Zahir Shah and other responsible  
8 parties searching for peace to convene a Loya  
9 Jirgah—

10            (A) to reestablish a representative govern-  
11 ment in Afghanistan through institution build-  
12 ing, increasing the capacity of the people of Af-  
13 ghanistan to govern themselves;

14            (B) to bring stability to Afghanistan; and

1 (C) to end terrorist activities and human  
2 rights abuses in Afghanistan.

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