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# H. CON. RES. 129

Expressing appreciation for the longstanding support and friendship of the people and Government of the United Kingdom.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VITTER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing appreciation for the longstanding support and friendship of the people and Government of the United Kingdom.

Whereas there is a long history of consistent friendship and support between the United States and the United Kingdom;

Whereas these two democracies share a unique relationship and bond that has stood the test of time;

Whereas the shared history, customs, and language of this Anglo-American alliance represent one of the strongest bonds of friendship and mutual benefit in our Nation's history;

Whereas the current Prime Minister, Tony Blair, has shown tremendous support for the United States in this time of armed conflict;

Whereas Prime Minister Blair has been a devout, resolute, and steady leader of his people and government and an important ally to the United States;

Whereas Prime Minister Blair's support, and the support of the British Government and the British people, is of paramount importance to the United States;

Whereas the British House of Commons has voted to support their armed forces and war effort to fight terrorism in Iraq;

Whereas the British military has sent more than 45,000 troops to the conflict in Iraq, including members of the Royal Navy, Air Force and Army; and

Whereas shared principles and ideals have formed the basis of the enduring friendship between these two nations:  
Now, therefore, be it

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

3                (1) is grateful for the support of the people and  
4        Government of the United Kingdom;

5                (2) commends Prime Minister Blair for his  
6        steadfast friendship, resolute leadership, and unwav-  
7        ering support;

8                (3) commends the bravery and courage of all  
9        members of the British military that stand together

1 with United States and coalition forces in the cur-  
2 rent engagement in Iraq; and

3 (4) hopes that this unique bond of friendship  
4 between the United States and the United Kingdom  
5 continues in perpetuity.

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