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# H. CON. RES. 160

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. PENCE, and Mr. PITTS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition.

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 661 established sanctions as a result of Saddam Hussein's unprovoked, illegal aggression against the sovereign Arab State of Kuwait;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 continued the sanctions, intended to deprive the government of Saddam Hussein of maintaining or acquiring the means to threaten other states or peoples, or to continue to oppress his own people, until that government unconditionally accepted the destruction, removal, or rendering

harmless of its chemical weapons, biological weapons, and ballistic missiles with a range of more than 150 kilometers;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 further required the government of Saddam Hussein to end any research programs aimed at developing such weapons, to destroy any material associated with such programs, and to change its behavior toward its own people;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council, through the oil-for-food program, allowed for humanitarian goods to flow to Iraq while maintaining the sanctions regime and control over Iraq's oil revenue;

Whereas the Coalition that liberated Iraq poses no risk to other states or peoples, and there is no reason to believe that the people of Iraq, liberated from the tyrant Saddam Hussein, pose such a risk;

Whereas the people of Iraq are now ready to rebuild their nation after over 30 years of tyranny;

Whereas the sanctions established by United Nations Security Council Resolutions 661 and 687 prohibit the importation of goods necessary for the Iraqi people to rebuild their country;

Whereas these sanctions restrict the trade of Iraqi goods, by and on behalf of the Iraqi people, necessary to allow expeditious rebuilding of Iraq and recovery from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein; and

Whereas continuing the sanctions imposed on the government of Saddam Hussein punishes the people of Iraq for the actions of a brutal tyrant who no longer rules them: Now, therefore, be it:

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

3           (1) the United Nations should immediately act  
4       to lift the economic sanctions imposed by United  
5       Nations Security Council Resolutions 661 and 687;  
6       and

7           (2) member states of the United Nations should  
8       allow and encourage their nationals to trade with  
9       Iraq.

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