

## **H. Res. 198**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U.S.,***

*October 16, 2003.*

Whereas France, Germany, Russia, and other nations have expressed an interest in assisting in the reconstruction of Iraq;

Whereas France, Germany, Russia, and other nations have previously encouraged and provided debt relief as a way to assist other nations;

Whereas France, Germany, Russia, and other nations had extensive trade relationships with Iraq;

Whereas loans and other support from France, Germany, Russia, and other nations were used by the Saddam Hussein regime to support the development of its weapons of mass destruction programs, the expansion of the Iraqi Army that the regime used to invade its neighbors, and the building of palaces, monuments, and other means of aggrandizing Saddam Hussein;

Whereas the United States has already provided approximately \$3,000,000,000 in the form of grants to provide for the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people and to rebuild Iraq's crumbling infrastructure; and

Whereas France, Germany, Russia, and other nations are capable of making generous pledges for the reconstruction

of Iraq at the International Conference on Reconstruction in Iraq to be held in Madrid: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that France, Germany, Russia, and other nations—

(1) should work with multilateral institutions and with creditor nations in the “Paris Club” to establish a debt forgiveness program for Iraq to aid its reconstruction;

(2) should make generous pledges for the reconstruction of Iraq at the International Conference on Reconstruction in Iraq to be held in Madrid; and

(3) should acknowledge the role that Iraq’s current debt plays in hindering its reconstruction.

Attest:

*Clerk.*