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H. RES. 214

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that small and minority-owned businesses in the United States should be involved in rebuilding Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WYNN, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that small and minority-owned businesses in the United States should be involved in rebuilding Iraq.

Whereas Iraq is liberated and is once more in the hands of the citizens of Iraq;

Whereas the citizens of Iraq are once again in control of their own destiny;

Whereas much damage has been done to Iraq, its infrastructure, its environment, and its industrial capacity;

Whereas reconstruction of Iraq's economy is desperately needed;

Whereas small and minority-owned businesses in the United States have expressed interest in helping the Iraqis rebuild their country; and

Whereas small and minority-owned businesses lack the resources to hire lobbyists, international consultants, and former diplomats to represent their interests, and promote their products and services in Iraq; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the United States Government should be ac-
4 tively involved in promoting United States small and
5 minority-owned businesses to help rebuild Iraq;

6 (2) the Administrator of the Small Business
7 Administration, the Secretary of Commerce, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the
9 Administrator of the United States Agency for
10 International Development should cooperate in pro-
11 viding assistance to United States small and minor-
12 ity-owned businesses seeking to become involved in
13 the rebuilding of Iraq; and

14 (3) the Administrator of the Small Business
15 Administration should conduct a public information
16 campaign to advise United States small and minor-
17 ity-owned businesses with respect to becoming in-
18 volved in the rebuilding of Iraq.

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