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H. RES. 504

Commending the people of the Republic of Iraq for holding a successful referendum on a new constitution for Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Commending the people of the Republic of Iraq for holding a successful referendum on a new constitution for Iraq.

Whereas on October 15, 2005, approximately ten million Iraqis participated in voting on a referendum for a new constitution for Iraq;

Whereas there was a high turnout of the Sunni population of Iraq for the referendum;

Whereas Iraqi military and police forces were able to ensure that the referendum was held in a relatively peaceful manner;

Whereas the referendum was held despite the fact that the people of Iraq have experienced insurgency from terrorists who want to prevent the establishment of a free Iraq;

Whereas, in holding the referendum, the people of Iraq took advantage of an opportunity to change their future for the better;

Whereas, in holding the referendum, the people of Iraq demonstrated that there are ways to deal with a country's problems other than by resorting to violence;

Whereas Iraqi voters proudly displayed ink-dipped fingers to demonstrate that they voted in the referendum; and

Whereas the people of Iraq are currently experiencing freedoms they have been denied for so many years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends the people of the Republic of
3 Iraq for holding a successful referendum on a new
4 constitution for Iraq;

5 (2) recognizes the tremendous progress Iraq
6 has made in moving toward democracy; and

7 (3) commends Iraqi military and police forces
8 for their excellent work to ensure that the ref-
9 erendum was held in a relatively peaceful manner.

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