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Encouraging the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Encouraging the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible.

Whereas, on July 31, 2009, officials of the Government of Iran took 3 United States citizens, Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd, into custody near the Ahmed Awa region of northern Iraq, after the 3 United States citizens reportedly crossed into the territory of Iran while hiking in Iraq;

Whereas officials of the Government of Iran have confirmed that they are holding the 3 United States citizens; and

Whereas officials of the Government of Iran have allowed consular access by the Embassy of the Government of

Switzerland (in its formal capacity as the representative of the interests of the United States in Iran) to the young United States citizens in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, done at Vienna April 24, 1963: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) encourages the Government of Iran to allow
4 Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to
5 communicate by telephone with their families in the
6 United States; and

7 (2) encourages the Government of Iran to allow
8 Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to
9 reunite with their families in the United States as
10 soon as possible.

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