

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1002

By: Bengtson of the House

and

Pruitt of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending the Iraqi people for answering the call of democracy by conducting a fair and free election on January 30, 2005; congratulating their endeavors and wishing them well in future elections; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the people of Iraq worked hand in hand with the Iraqi leaders to establish democracy in their land. Their dedication to this cause has been recognized by the world, and through their dedication, the efforts of the United States have also been recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Iraqi people, and the Iraqi electoral officials through the Iraqi elections, provided an incentive to strive for freedom for those who reside in a country formerly governed by tyranny and oppression; and

WHEREAS, the Iraqi election, as a result of the Iraqi people's dedication and determination to vote in defiance of those who would oppress or kill them, has contributed to the democratic principles in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the Iraqi people and the Iraqi electoral officials by means of the Iraqi election have fervently adhered to principles of a representative republic. Their example and attitude have instilled enthusiasm and newfound respect not only for their actions, but also for the actions and assistance of our great United

States of America. The Iraqi officials and the Iraqi people through the Iraqi elections have shown outstanding leadership and devotion to the cause of individual liberty, freedom from tyranny, and the determination of human nature to rise over seemingly insurmountable odds in their quest for unparalleled choice in their leadership; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of the members of the United States military and our coalition allies, standing side by side with the Iraqi people, overcame tyranny and oppression to establish a beacon of freedom and liberty for the entire Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the Iraqi people through their determination and dedication honored those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, their lives, and have contributed to the well-being of the citizens of Iraq through these efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends the Iraqi elections, the Iraqi people, and the Iraqi security forces for an outstanding accomplishment in their struggle for democracy.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates the Iraqi people on their successful election and wishes them well in future elections.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends our United States armed forces, the coalition forces, and a special honor to those members of the armed forces from our great State of Oklahoma who worked with the Iraqi people to assure that the Iraqi election was held in the most secure, trustworthy, safe manner as they were able.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Washington, D.C., for the people of Iraq.