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H. RES. 343

Commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. KELLY, Ms. LEE, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. PITTS, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. WATSON, Mr. ISSA, and Ms. WATERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights.

Whereas on May 16, 2005, the Parliament of the State of Kuwait amended Article 1 of the Election Law 35 of 1962, providing female citizens of Kuwait the right to vote and run in the 2007 elections;

Whereas the rights of women are of paramount importance in international human rights, to be respected and promoted regardless of historical, cultural, or religious heritage;

Whereas the active advancement of women's rights throughout the world is and remains an important policy priority of the United States; and

Whereas the Department of State recognizes that the Kuwaiti parliamentary vote of May 16, 2005, was an important step forward for the women of Kuwait and the nation as a whole, and the United States views this step as a positive development on the road to political reform, serving as a positive example for other governments and societies in the region that are on the path to political freedom, inclusion of women, and full democratization: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends the Government and Parliament
3 of the State of Kuwait for providing female citizens
4 of Kuwait the right to vote and hold public office;

5 (2) urges the full participation of Kuwaiti
6 women in the political life of their country; and

7 (3) encourages the Government of Kuwait to
8 continue taking positive steps to achieve full modernization of its political system and lasting democratic reform.
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