

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 942

Recognizing the centennial anniversary on August 5, 2006, of the Iranian constitution of 1906.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2006

Mr. KING of Iowa submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the centennial anniversary on August 5, 2006, of the Iranian constitution of 1906.

Whereas in 1906, one hundred years ago, the people of Iran rose in a peaceful democratic revolution against arbitrary, despotic rulers;

Whereas the people of Iran chose to confront these rulers with peaceful assemblies of thousands of people in the public spaces of Iran until these rulers received their demands;

Whereas these rulers bowed to the wishes of the people on August 5, 1906, and issued a decree for the convocation of a freely elected assembly, the Majles, to write a democratic constitution;

Whereas the Iranian constitution, written pursuant to the decree of 1906, was a democratic instrument providing for—

- (1) the establishment of an independent judiciary;
- (2) the establishment of an independent legislature with members directly elected by the people;
- (3) socio-political progress, including the separation of religion from the affairs of government; and
- (4) the commitment of the government to the territorial integrity of Iran;

Whereas the maneuvering of the imperial powers and a fundamentalist clergy crushed the democratic aspirations represented in the constitution of 1906;

Whereas the Iranian constitution of 1906 has nevertheless remained in the forefront of the aspirations of the Iranian people throughout decades of a long struggle towards progress, civil society, and democracy;

Whereas those ideals were abolished by the clerical-led dictatorship of the Ayatollahs in 1979; and

Whereas August 5, 2006, would be an appropriate day to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Iranian constitution of 1906: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes the centennial anniversary of the  
3       Iranian constitution of 1906;

4               (2) is mindful of the democratic revolution of  
5       1906 that lead to the drafting of the Iranian con-  
6       stitution; and

1           (3) expresses its profound hope that the people  
2           of Iran will once again enjoy a democratic govern-  
3           ment in the spirit of the Iranian constitution of  
4           1906.

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