

## **H. Res. 688**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U.S.,***

*July 14, 2004.*

Whereas the United States and Portugal have a long history of consistent friendship and support;

Whereas the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people have shown tremendous support for the United States in this time of armed conflict;

Whereas Portugal has been a devout, resolute, and steadfast ally of the United States;

Whereas the support of the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people is of paramount importance to the United States;

Whereas the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people have committed a full array of their country's resources to fight the terrorist threat all over the world;

Whereas at the request of the United States and within the framework of United Nations Security Council resolutions, Portugal has sent brave soldiers, medical teams, police, flight crews, and other military personnel to Iraq and has continued to authorize the use of Lajes Air Base, in Azores, Portugal, for strategic staging in the War on Terrorism, including the current engagement in Iraq; and

Whereas the democratic principles and ideals that Portugal and the United States share have formed the basis of an enduring friendship which has stood the test of time: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) is grateful for the support of the people and Government of Portugal;

(2) commends the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people for their steadfast friendship, resolute leadership, and unwavering support;

(3) commends the bravery and courage of all members of the Portuguese armed forces who have participated in the effort to bring an end to international terrorism; and

(4) expects the unique friendship between the United States and Portugal to continue.

Attest:

*Clerk.*