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S. RES. 153

Urging the Parliament of Kuwait when it sits on July 17 to grant women the right to hold office and the right to vote.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WELLSTONE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, His Highness, Sheikh Jaber al-Sabah, the Amir of Kuwait, issued a decree in May granting Kuwaiti women the right to vote and to hold office in 2003;

Whereas Amiri decrees in Kuwait must be approved by the fifty member Kuwaiti national Parliament;

Whereas the Kuwaiti people elected a new Parliament on July 3;

Whereas the new Parliament will convene on July 17 and consider legislation to grant women the right to hold office and the right to vote;

Whereas the United States of America embraces democratic principles and the importance of women's rights; and

Whereas the United States is strongly committed to advancing the political rights of women, and democratic principles throughout the Middle East: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Congress—

2 (1) commends His Highness, Sheikh Jaber al-
3 Sabah, for issuing his decree granting suffrage and
4 the right to hold office to Kuwaiti women;

5 (2) commends the women of Kuwait for their
6 great strides and continuing struggle toward polit-
7 ical equality; and

8 (3) calls on the Kuwaiti Parliament to affirm
9 women's suffrage and the right to hold office of
10 women in Kuwait.

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