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S. RES. 511

Commending and supporting Radio Al Mahaba, the 1st and only radio station for the women of Iraq.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HATCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commending and supporting Radio Al Mahaba, the 1st and only radio station for the women of Iraq.

Whereas Radio Al Mahaba, the 1st and only radio station for the women of Iraq, went on the air for the 1st time on April 1, 2005;

Whereas Radio Al Mahaba is an educational tool that—

- (1) is broadcast in 3 different languages; and
- (2) provides the women of Iraq with an opportunity to voice their opinions and listen to the opinions of others;

Whereas Radio Al Mahaba airs shows that are dedicated to the rights and issues of women;

Whereas those shows are devoted to issues relating to personal relationships, parenting, and other social topics;

Whereas, despite terrible risks, the staff of Radio Al Mahaba continues to provide the women of Iraq with hope, knowledge, empowerment, support, and a vision of freedom;

Whereas, amid the struggles in Iraq, Radio Al Mahaba has followed the democratic principles of free speech and free press championed by the United States, thereby encouraging the people of Iraq to build an open and democratic civil society;

Whereas Radio Al Mahaba plays a positive and important role in educating the women of Iraq;

Whereas Radio Al Mahaba provides women with an opportunity to exercise their freedom of speech;

Whereas Radio Al Mahaba enables the women of Iraq to secure their role in the civil society of Iraq; and

Whereas Radio Al Mahaba meets a palpable need of the women of Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the efforts of Radio Al Mahaba
3 to provide the women of Iraq with an opportunity
4 to—

5 (A) exercise their freedom of speech; and
6 (B) be included in, and informed of, the
7 reconstruction of Iraq;

8 (2) supports the mission of Radio Al Mahaba;
9 and

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