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Expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. ERNST submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3 (1) the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of
4 Iraq have been one of the most effective fighting
5 forces in the military campaign against the Islamic
6 State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS);

7 (2) the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham poses
8 an acute threat to the Iraqi people and territorial in-
9 tegrity of Iraq, including the Kurdistan Region of

1 Iraq, and the security and stability of the Middle
2 East;

3 (3) the severe budget shortfalls faced by both
4 the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional
5 Government are hindering the stability of Iraq and
6 have the potential to undermine long-term efforts to
7 bring about the sustainable defeat of the Islamic
8 State of Iraq and al-Sham;

9 (4) the \$415,000,000 pledged by the United
10 States Government to the Kurdish Peshmerga in
11 April of 2016, in coordination with the Government
12 of Iraq, in addition to the \$65,000,000 already pro-
13 vided from the Iraq Train and Equip Fund, should
14 remain a priority for the United States as part of
15 the continued support for Iraqi Security Forces, in-
16 cluding the Peshmerga, in the fight against the Is-
17 lamic State of Iraq and al-Sham;

18 (5) the Peshmerga should receive all weapons
19 and equipment that the United States, in coordina-
20 tion with the Government of Iraq, agrees to provide
21 in an expeditious and in a timely manner;

22 (6) the Peshmerga require equipment that will
23 allow them to defend themselves and their coalition
24 advisers against the increased use of vehicle-borne

1 improvised explosive devices by the Islamic State of
2 Iraq and al-Sham;

3 (7) the Peshmerga are vital partners in the
4 fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham;
5 and

6 (8) in coordination with the Government of
7 Iraq, the United States will endeavor to increase as-
8 sistance to Iraqi Kurdish Forces to enhance their
9 combat medicine and logistical capabilities, to defend
10 internally displaced persons and refugees, and to de-
11 fend the Peshmerga and their coalition advisers.