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# H. CON. RES. 207

Supporting the efforts to establish a moderate and tolerant political system in Afghanistan that is protective of the rights and dignity of all communities.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRABACHER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the efforts to establish a moderate and tolerant political system in Afghanistan that is protective of the rights and dignity of all communities.

Whereas Afghanistan is comprised of diverse ethnic and religious communities;

Whereas these diverse communities have suffered decades of oppression, Communist rule, civil war, and extremist and terrorist rule under the Taliban and al-Qaeda;

Whereas past centralized governmental systems in Afghanistan failed to protect the rights and dignity of all communities;

Whereas the greatest priority facing Afghanistan is the establishment of trust and goodwill between the diverse communities throughout the country;

Whereas the most effective way to build trust is through a genuine political dialogue based on equality between diverse communities rather than by domination of one community by another;

Whereas Afghanistan has begun to discuss the drafting of its future constitution and the political compromises that must be effectuated to ensure a peaceful future for the country and all its communities;

Whereas all regions and groups will have to cooperate to defeat the remnants of the Taliban and those pursuing the production of opium;

Whereas the Federal political system of the United States has provided it with a rich history of political experience in facilitating communication and cooperation between diverse communities and regions;

Whereas the American experience with federalism has created political space for the expression of diverse political points of view;

Whereas federalism is a moderate and tolerant system of government; and

Whereas the practice of moderation and tolerance are the most effective ways to prevent the return of extremism and fanaticism to Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress supports the efforts to estab-  
 3 lish a moderate and tolerant political system in Afghani-  
 4 stan that is protective of the rights and dignity of all com-  
 5 munities and which allows for the election of local, re-

1 gional, and national leaders representative of all commu-  
2 nities.

