

House Resolution 556

By: Representatives Murphy of the 14th, Post 2, Smith of the 87th, Coleman of the 118th, Hanner of the 133rd, Birdsong of the 104th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending British Prime Minister Tony Blair; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of Great Britain, has proven over the
3 recent trying months to be a great friend and supporter of President George W. Bush; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in the face of overwhelming opposition among the British people and within
5 his own political party, Prime Minister Blair courageously held his ground in supporting
6 President Bush, risking his very political career for his beliefs; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Prime Minister Blair and President Bush have stood shoulder to shoulder
8 against the other nations of the world to pursue the course they felt necessary to bring about
9 the downfall of the Iraqi government and to restructure the world order, especially in the
10 volatile Middle East, in search of a lasting peace; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a coalition of British and American troops are even now engaged in combat
12 against the forces of Saddam Hussein, fighting side by side to make Iraq, the Middle East,
13 and the world a safer place; and
- 14 WHEREAS, future generations will thank Prime Minister Blair and the British people for
15 their support in these difficult times and for their sacrifices for peace.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body commend Prime Minister Tony Blair for his support for President
18 George W. Bush and for the American war effort.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body extend an open-ended
20 invitation to Prime Minister Tony Blair to visit the State Capitol and attend a session of the
21 General Assembly, and to know that he is forever welcomed in the halls of state government.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to British Prime Minister Tony
- 3 Blair.