



HR 9127

2003

House Resolution

1
2 A resolution honoring the Iraqi citizen, known only as
3 "Mohammed," who was instrumental in the rescue of Pfc.
4 Jessica Lynch of the United States Army's 507th Ordinance
5 Maintenance Company.

6
7 WHEREAS, on April 2, 2003, Pfc. Jessica Lynch of the United
8 States Army's 507th Ordinance Maintenance Company was rescued
9 from a hospital in Nasiriyah, Iraq, where she was being held by
10 Iraqi military forces in a daring nighttime raid conducted by
11 American soldiers, and

12 WHEREAS, Pfc. Jessica Lynch was one of 15 members of a
13 convoy from the Army's 507th Ordinance Maintenance Company that
14 was ambushed by Iraqi paramilitary fighters when it took a wrong
15 turn at the city of Nasiriyah on March 23rd, and

16 WHEREAS, the rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch might never have
17 occurred if not for the compassion and courage of an Iraqi
18 citizen, a 32-year old lawyer, known only as "Mohammed," who
19 jeopardized his own safety and well-being and that of his family
20 because he witnessed and could not bear the inhumane treatment
21 Pfc. Lynch was receiving at the hands of her Iraqi captors, and

22 WHEREAS, several days prior to the rescue of Pfc. Lynch,
23 Mohammed had witnessed the American soldier being slapped and
24 beaten as she lay in a hospital bed with extensive injuries, and

25 WHEREAS, in the first of what would be a number of
26 decisions to put his own safety at great risk, Mohammed sneaked
27 into Pfc. Lynch's hospital room and assured her that he was
28 going to help her, and

29 WHEREAS, after locating U.S. Marines, Mohammed told them of
30 the female U.S. soldier he had witnessed at the hospital, and



HR 9127

2003

31 WHEREAS, after reporting his information to the Marines,
32 Mohammed agreed to place himself in further peril by returning
33 to the hospital twice in the next two days, despite the intense
34 bombing and combat activity in the area of Nasiriyah, to gather
35 information that would not only enable the Marines to
36 successfully rescue Pfc. Lynch, but would also bring about the
37 discovery of nine of her fellow soldiers and the retrieval of
38 their bodies, and

39 WHEREAS, on Mohammed's first return trip to the hospital,
40 he overheard Iraqis discussing plans to amputate the leg of Pfc.
41 Lynch and successfully urged a friend who was a doctor at the
42 hospital to intercede and stop the amputation, and

43 WHEREAS, after returning to the Marine base, Mohammed, and
44 his wife, Iman, a nurse at the hospital who was also brought to
45 the base, drew five detailed maps of the hospital, and Mohammed
46 provided information regarding the number and positioning of
47 troops at the hospital and routes through the building that U.S.
48 military commandos could use in the rescue effort, and

49 WHEREAS, based on the information provided by Mohammed and
50 his wife, U.S. military forces formulated a plan whereby Marines
51 staged a diversionary attack in a distant area of Nasiriyah to
52 distract the attention of the Fedayeen Saddam paramilitary
53 forces while a Special Operations force of Navy SEALs, Army
54 Rangers, and Air Force personnel converged on the hospital early
55 on the morning of April 2nd and conducted the only successful
56 rescue of an American prisoner of war in the last half century
57 and the first rescue of a female POW ever, and

58 WHEREAS, Mohammed, whose last name is being withheld by the
59 Marines in order to protect his safety, his wife Iman, and their
60 6-year old daughter, whose house was subsequently ransacked by



HR 9127

2003

61 Fedayeen, were flown by helicopter to the Marine desert camp
62 before being taken to a refugee center in the southern port city
63 of Umm Qasr to keep them safe from reprisals, NOW, THEREFORE,
64

65 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
66 Florida:

67
68 That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida
69 hereby expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Iraqi citizen
70 known only as "Mohammed," whose courage, humanity, and
71 compassion brought about the rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch of the
72 United States Army's 507th Ordinance Maintenance Company.