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House Approves Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-Garden Grove) joined Congress in passing HR 2956, the Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act. The bill was approved by a House vote of 223-201. HR 2956 requires redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq within 120 days of enactment and completes redeployment by April 1, 2008.

Sanchez issued the following floor statement in support of HR 2956 .

"I rise today as a cosponsor of H.R. 2956. Although I support this resolution, I must express my sadness that it has to come to this point.

"This President was wrong when he claimed that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. He has had over 4 years, and he has asked for more time, more troops, more surges.

"And regardless of what our military experts and our troops on the ground say-this President continues to claim that we are winning the war in Iraq.

"Mr. President, what reports are you reading? Who are you listening to? Certainly not the reports I have read or the military officials I have spoken to who tell a very different story about what is happening in Iraq.

"To me, it is with sadness that this Congress has to tell you that your war in Iraq is a failure, and that we will not let you

leave our brave men and women over there when you have no plan to allow them to succeed.

"We will not let them be targets any longer."

"History will show, Mr. President, that your war was a failure, but today this Congress stood up to you and said-enough is enough.

"I yield back."

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