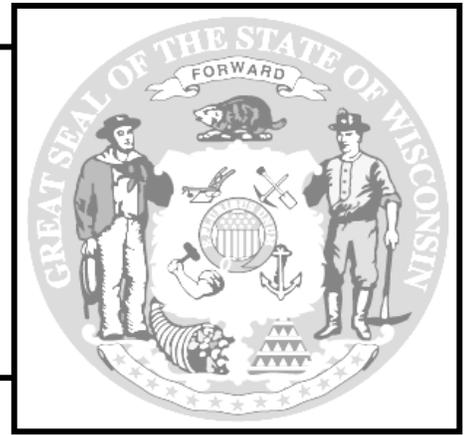


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RYAN: ATTACKS IN IRAQ, SPAIN DEMAND OUR UNWAVERING RESOLVE IN WAR ON TERROR

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan today made the following statement:

“Today’s awful attack on a Baghdad hotel and the continuing attacks on our troops and on peaceful Iraqi citizens show just how threatened terrorists are by a free and democratic Iraq. This is why it is crucial for us to keep working with the Iraqis and our coalition allies to make sure freedom and the rule of law have the chance to take root in Iraq. Our military and the coalition forces working with them have done an amazing job freeing the people of Iraq and helping them recover from Saddam Hussein’s brutal rule. They deserve our gratitude and continued prayers for their safety.”

“Like those who have struck at innocent Iraqis and coalition forces, the people who used train bombs to commit mass murder in Spain are allies of terror and enemies of freedom. They cannot be allowed to succeed. Retreating in the face of terrorism only emboldens terrorists and leads to more violence. Working with our allies from many other countries, our nation has made real progress combating terrorists. We must continue taking the offensive against those who use murder and invoke fear to get what they want.”

Friday marks one year since U.S. and coalition troops began military action in Iraq. The U.S. House of Representatives today passed a resolution that:

- affirms that the United States and the world have been made safer with the removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime from power in Iraq;
- commends the Iraqi people for their courage in the face of unspeakable oppression and brutality inflicted on them by Saddam Hussein’s regime;
- commends the Iraqi people on the adoption of Iraq’s interim constitution; and
- commends the members of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces for liberating Iraq and expresses its gratitude for their valiant service.

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