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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING MR. MIKE PICKENS FOR HIS SERVICE IN
10 IRAQ IN RESTRUCTURING THE IRAQI INSURANCE CODE.

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12 **Subtitle**

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18 WHEREAS, Mr. Mike Pickens, the former Insurance Commissioner of the
19 State of Arkansas, traveled to Iraq for two (2) months in 2004 to restructure
20 the Iraqi insurance code upon request by the United States Agency for
21 International Development; and

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23 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens has helped other countries in the past with
24 restructuring insurance laws, including Egypt, China, Vietnam, and India; and

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Pickens was assisted by a small support team to establish
27 a sound and independent regulatory system for insurance in Iraq; to create a
28 framework for the growth of domestic companies; and to develop a regulatory
29 and legal framework to encourage foreign capital investment; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Senate commends Mr. Pickens for his courageous service in
32 helping to develop insurance law as a first step toward rebuilding the war-
33 torn country's insurance system under an economic development initiative,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE



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THAT the Senate recognizes Mr. Mike Pickens' commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the Iraqi people in restructuring the Iraqi insurance code and commends him for his leadership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to Mr. Pickens by the Secretary of the Senate.