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Congressman Akin's Statement on Resolution to Withdraw Troops from Iraq

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Akin (R-MO) issued the following statement on the resolution to immediately withdraw troops from Iraq:

“Immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq and Afghanistan would demoralize our troops, hearten our enemies and strike a body-blow to the movement toward freedom and self-government in those nations. We must not dishonor the brave efforts of those who have served and died.

“Having a son who served as a Marine Officer in Fallujah, I understand the concern that naturally arises when young Americans are in harm's way. Yet, I also understand the absolute necessity of supporting their efforts and the efforts of free Iraqis to establish a representative democracy.

“I am also concerned that our efforts in Iraq are being increasingly politicized. We cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that we are in the middle of a war, that it needs to be won and only then should we bring our troops home. No other outcome will have acceptable consequences for the future of liberty in the Middle East and America's security.”