

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1013

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Rajaa Khuzai, a former member of the Iraqi National Assembly and a current member of the drafting committee for the Iraqi constitution; an outspoken proponent for women's rights in Iraq, Dr. Khuzai served on the original Governing Council of Iraq and represented the voice of Iraqi women to numerous world leaders, including President George W. Bush, Prime Minister Tony Blair, and United States Ambassador Paul Bremer; and

WHEREAS, A woman of exceptional courage who is respected for her medical expertise, Dr. Khuzai has served as director of a hospital in the southern city of Diwaniah for the past several years while teaching at a local medical college; during a short-lived rebellion against Saddam Hussein in 1991, she was forced to perform 22 operations without electricity or an anesthesiologist while Diwaniah was bombarded by the Iraqi National Guard; and

WHEREAS, President of the Women's Organization in Diwaniah and founder of the Women's Health Center in Baghdad and of the Widow's Care Organization, Dr. Khuzai seeks to develop a women's health care policy for post-war Iraq, with special consideration given to early detection and prevention of cancer in women; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Rajaa Khuzai for her extraordinary work on behalf of the women of Iraq; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate