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Rep. Pitts praises courage of Iraqi people; calls election successful

Washington—Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16) today called the elections in Iraq a success and cited the courage of the Iraqi people as evidence that they cared more about having a say in the future of their country, than death itself.

“By all accounts, today’s election in Iraq was a success primarily because of the courage of the Iraqi people. In the face of death, Iraqis came out to vote. Even at polling places where suicide bombers struck, the Iraqis stayed to cast their ballots. Those who died today at the hands of the suicide bombers will be remembered as patriots. We honor their memory and join with the Iraqi people in looking forward to the next step in the long process of establishing their freedom. If preliminary estimates hold up, turnout will be high enough to make even the world’s strongest democracies envious. Even if they don’t, the fact that Iraqis came to the polls to choose the people they want to lead them to the next stage of democracy is a huge success,” said Congressman Pitts.

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