
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2013

INTRODUCED BY RAPP, KAUFFMAN, BAKER, STERN, BROOKS, AUMENT,
BARRAR, BLOOM, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, COX, CUTLER,
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KORTZ, MAHONEY, MALONEY, METCALFE, MICOZZIE, MOUL, ROCK,
SACCONE, SWANGER AND TALLMAN, JUNE 3, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 3, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the global persecution of Christians and calling on
2 world leaders to implement policies that protect the
3 religious liberty of Christians and all other faiths within
4 their borders.

5 WHEREAS, Persecution comes in many forms including
6 discrimination, loss of basic fundamental rights, violence,
7 torture and execution; and

8 WHEREAS, Christians are currently being persecuted in over 50
9 countries for their faith; and

10 WHEREAS, One-hundred million Christians were persecuted in
11 2012 alone; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Commission on International
13 Religious Freedom finds systematic persecution of religious
14 minorities, which includes many Christians, to be a global
15 problem that is not contained in one specific region of the
16 world; and

17 WHEREAS, In Belarus, government permitting and regulation of

1 religious communities has restricted the ability of Christians
2 to worship freely; and

3 WHEREAS, In Cuba, pastors have been beaten and detained for
4 public preaching; and

5 WHEREAS, In China, more than 1,000 Christians were detained
6 in 2012 for their religious convictions; and

7 WHEREAS, In North Korea, approximately 6,000 Christians are
8 being held in just one of the country's many labor camps and are
9 victims of constant abuse; and

10 WHEREAS, In Burma, Christians are subject to extrajudicial
11 killings, sexual violence and forced labor; and

12 WHEREAS, In Egypt, Christian-owned homes, businesses and
13 churches have been subject to violence and vandalism, causing
14 Christian families to abandon their homes; and

15 WHEREAS, In Iran, Christian converts face severe
16 discrimination, arbitrary arrests, executions and extrajudicial
17 killings; and

18 WHEREAS, In Sudan, paramilitary soldiers target Christians
19 for executions and arrests; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn the
21 global persecution of Christians and call on world leaders to
22 implement policies that protect the religious liberty of
23 Christians and all other faiths within their borders.