



Resolution

COMMENDING THE SPONSORS OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 944, AND CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO URGE THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

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- WHEREAS** there is a present and widespread persecution of religious minorities in Iraq;
- WHEREAS** the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom has recommended that the President should designate Iraq a “country of particular concern” under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 because of the ongoing and severe abuses of religious freedom in Iraq;
- WHEREAS** such abuses have included religiously-motivated murders, abductions and kidnappings, beatings, rapes, forced conversions to Islam, and displacement from homes and attacks on religious sites
- WHEREAS** many of these abused and terrorized religious minorities are Christians, including evangelicals;
- WHEREAS** a bipartisan group of congressional representatives have sponsored House Resolution 944, recognizing this problem of religious persecution in Iraq and calling on the United States Government to respond accordingly,
- RESOLVED** National Religious Broadcasters commends those members of the House of Representatives who have sponsored House Resolution 944 and further urges the President and his Administration, including the Secretary of State, to urge the government of Iraq to take immediate and necessary steps to protect the lives, property, and liberties of religious minorities in Iraq including Christians, and to urge that government to implement such regulations and measures in that country as will be best suited to insure the full and equal rights of such religious minorities.

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