

S. CON. RES. 16

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON RELEASE OF**
4 **UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN IRAN.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) Saeed Abedini of Idaho is a Christian pas-
8 tor unjustly detained in Iran since 2012 and sen-
9 tenced to eight years in prison on charges related to
10 his religious beliefs.

11 (2) Amir Hekmati of Michigan is a former
12 United States Marine unjustly detained in 2011
13 while visiting his Iranian relatives and sentenced to
14 10 years in prison for espionage.

15 (3) Jason Rezaian of California is a Wash-
16 ington Post journalist credentialed by the Govern-
17 ment of Iran. He was unjustly detained in 2014 and
18 has been held without a trial.

1 (4) Robert Levinson of Florida is a former Fed-
2 eral Bureau of Investigations (FBI) official who dis-
3 appeared in 2007 in Iran. He is the longest held
4 United States citizen in United States history.

5 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
6 United States that—

7 (1) the Government of the Islamic Republic of
8 Iran should immediately release Saeed Abedini,
9 Amir Hekmati, and Jason Rezaian, and cooperate
10 with the United States Government to locate and re-
11 turn Robert Levinson; and

12 (2) the United States Government should un-
13 dertake every effort using every diplomatic tool at its
14 disposal to secure their immediate release.

Passed the Senate May 11, 2015.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Stating the policy of the United States regarding
the release of United States citizens in Iran.