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H. R. 5528

To provide for the establishment of the Center for International Human Rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on International Relations

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the Center for
International Human Rights.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Center for Inter-
5 national Human Rights Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the
9 Center for International Human Rights.

1 (2) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
2 Board of Directors of the Center.

3 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER; PURPOSES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Congress finds that there has
5 been established in the District of Columbia a private,
6 nonprofit corporation known as the Center for Inter-
7 national Human Rights which is not an agency or estab-
8 lishment of the United States Government.

9 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Center, as set
10 forth in its articles of incorporation, are—

11 (1) to establish programs devoted to the pro-
12 motion of human rights throughout the world;

13 (2) to independently monitor and analyze the
14 status of human rights in Asia, Latin America, Afri-
15 ca, the Middle East, Europe, and throughout the
16 world;

17 (3) in conjunction with both private and govern-
18 mental organizations, to investigate allegations of
19 human rights violations, particularly torture, geno-
20 cide, extrajudicial killing, imprisonment due to ex-
21 pression of political or religious beliefs, and other
22 gross violations of fundamental human rights;

23 (4) to sponsor fellows from the United States
24 and other countries who desire to study current

1 issues related to international human rights at the
2 Center's headquarters in the District of Columbia;

3 (5) to establish and carry out a conference se-
4 ries to bring together experts in the field of inter-
5 national human rights from the United States and
6 other countries to discuss and disseminate informa-
7 tion regarding human rights; and

8 (6) to make grants to, and enter into co-opera-
9 tive agreements with, nongovernmental organizations
10 to promote human rights, with priority on making
11 grants to, and entering into co-operative agreements
12 with, indigenous human rights organizations in
13 countries the governments of which engage in tor-
14 ture, genocide, extrajudicial killing, imprisonment
15 due to expression of political or religious beliefs, or
16 other gross violations of fundamental human rights.

17 **SEC. 4. GRANTS TO CENTER.**

18 The Secretary of State is authorized to make an an-
19 nual grant to the Center to enable the Center to carry
20 out its purposes as specified in section 3(b). Such grants
21 shall be made with funds specifically appropriated for
22 grants to the Center.

1 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION; OVERSIGHT; RELATED**
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

3 (a) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act
4 shall be construed to make the Center an agency or estab-
5 lishment of the United States Government or to make the
6 members of the Board of the Center, or the officers or
7 employees of the Center, officers or employees of the
8 United States.

9 (b) **OVERSIGHT.**—The Center and its grantees shall
10 be subject to the appropriate oversight procedures of Con-
11 gress.

12 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; AVAIL-**
13 **ABILITY.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this Act \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2003
16 through 2007. Amounts appropriated pursuant to the au-
17 thorization of appropriations under the preceding sentence
18 are authorized to remain available until expended

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