

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5408

To urge the Government of the Republic of Armenia to resolve the murder case of Joshua Haglund, a United States citizen, in Yerevan, Armenia, and to fund scholarships at the University of Minnesota in the memory of Joshua Haglund for study abroad and diversity training.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (for herself and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Joshua Haglund Jus-
3 tice and Peace Act of 2006”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On May 17, 2004, Joshua Haglund, a resi-
7 dent of Shoreview, Minnesota, was brutally mur-
8 dered at the age of 33 in Yerevan, Armenia, where
9 he was teaching English at the Valeri Brusov
10 Yerevan State Linguistic University as part of the
11 Department of State-sponsored English Language
12 Fellows Program.

13 (2) Joshua Haglund was a graduate of the Uni-
14 versity of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and earned a
15 Master’s of Education degree from the University of
16 Toronto in Second Language Education.

17 (3) Joshua Haglund dedicated his life to cross-
18 cultural understanding, becoming an educator who
19 invested his energy and commitment to students in
20 the United States, Japan, India, Puerto Rico, Thai-
21 land, and Armenia.

22 (4) The murder of Joshua Haglund in Yerevan,
23 Armenia, remains unresolved after two years despite
24 an ongoing criminal investigation by Armenian au-
25 thorities, the support of the United States Embassy

1 in Yerevan, and the tireless efforts of the Haglund
2 family to pursue justice.

3 (5) The United States Embassy in Armenia
4 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to
5 monitor the investigation into the murder of Joshua
6 Haglund, and have encouraged Armenian authorities
7 to identify, arrest, and convict the perpetrator of
8 this heinous crime.

9 (6) In honor of Joshua Haglund's life and to
10 continue his legacy of opportunity, hope, and friend-
11 ship through global education and cross-cultural un-
12 derstanding, his family and friends have established
13 the Joshua Haglund Memorial Peace Scholarship
14 Fund at the University of Minnesota.

15 **SEC. 3. STATEMENTS OF CONGRESS.**

16 Congress—

17 (1) urges the Secretary of State to express the
18 serious concern of Congress to the appropriate rep-
19 resentatives of the Government of the Republic of
20 Armenia for the lack of progress in achieving justice
21 in the unresolved murder of Joshua Haglund; and

22 (2) calls on the Government of the Republic of
23 Armenia to continue pursuing the investigation into
24 the death of Joshua Haglund, in cooperation with
25 United States Government officials, and to use all

1 appropriate means to achieve justice in the death of
2 Joshua Haglund.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

4 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to
6 Congress a report on the status of the investigation into
7 the death of Joshua Haglund.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
10 retary of Education \$250,000 for fiscal year 2007 to fund
11 the Joshua Haglund Memorial Peace Scholarship Fund at
12 the University of Minnesota for the purpose of funding
13 study abroad scholarships and diversity training to further
14 encourage Joshua Haglund's vision of compassion, peace,
15 and community service.

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