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H. RES. 533

Supporting the goals and ideals of Cambodian-American Freedom Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Cambodian-American
Freedom Day.

Whereas in March 1970 approximately seven million Cambodians were living under conflict between the Khmer Republic and the Kampuchean (Khmer Rouge) Communist Party;

Whereas between April 1975 and January 1979, Cambodians were living under the communist regime of the Khmer Rouge Communist Party which committed acts of genocide, and as a result, at least two million Cambodians lost their lives;

Whereas on May 23, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed into law the Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1975 (Public Law 64–23), granting Southeast Asian refugees the right to settle in the United States;

Whereas the Khmer Rouge communist regime was overthrown on January 7, 1979, by the communist group of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, which was backed by Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Cambodians fled Cambodia to refugee camps throughout Southeast Asia, and Cambodians made their way to communities across the United States between 1975 and 1999;

Whereas according to the United States Census 2000, there are approximately 206,000 Cambodians currently living in the United States;

Whereas despite their tremendous loss of freedom to the communist regimes, Cambodians and Cambodian-Americans have shown courage and resiliency while at the same time remembering and honoring both their traditional culture and traumatic past; and

Whereas it is important to recognize the positive contributions of Cambodian-Americans to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Cambodian-
3 American Freedom Day;

4 (2) honors and recognizes the 30th anniversary
5 of the arrival of the first Cambodian immigrants to
6 the United States; and

7 (3) recognizes the contributions Cambodian-
8 Americans have made to the United States.

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