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Calling for the release of United States citizens being held by the Government of Egypt.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCKINLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Egyptian Ministry of Justice is investigating nongovernmental organization employees who face politically motivated charges;

Whereas some of those being held in Egypt are United States citizens;

Whereas the United States does not condone the use of people being retained for political or economic gain or negotiation tools;

Whereas the Government of Egypt has refused help from and taken actions against United States citizens and nongovernmental organizations which are providing democracy assistance to the people of Egypt;

Whereas the United States will not provide funds to any foreign governments that condone these types of activities as well as other activities which compromise the safety of United States and other foreign citizens;

Whereas the United States provides Egypt with \$1.5 billion in assistance annually; and

Whereas recent activities conducted by the Government of Egypt infringe on the liberties of its own citizens as well as international citizens: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives—

3 (A) calls on the Government of Egypt to
4 release the United States citizens without fur-
5 ther delay;

6 (B) calls on the Secretary of State to with-
7 hold assistance to Egypt immediately if the
8 United States citizens are not released;

9 (C) calls on the Government of Egypt to
10 return all assets and funds that have been
11 seized from the nongovernmental organizations
12 and United States citizens;

13 (D) calls on the Government of Egypt to
14 allow the nongovernmental organizations to
15 continue their critical work in the promotion of
16 a free and democratic Egypt; and

17 (E) calls on Egypt to comply with inter-
18 national human rights standards; and

1 (2) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
2 tives that United States assistance for Egypt in the
3 future should not be allocated if the Government of
4 Egypt continues to retain United States and other
5 foreign citizens and work against the pursuit of de-
6 mocracy.

