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Welcoming His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the worldwide spiritual and administrative head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, to Washington, DC, and recognizing his commitment to world peace, justice, nonviolence, human rights, religious freedom, and democracy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. HONDA, Mr. WOLF, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DENT, Ms. CHU, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, and Mr. MCGOVERN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Welcoming His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the worldwide spiritual and administrative head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, to Washington, DC, and recognizing his commitment to world peace, justice, nonviolence, human rights, religious freedom, and democracy.

Whereas, from June 16, 2012, to July 2, 2012, His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the worldwide spiritual and administrative head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, an international religious organization with mil-

lions of members across the globe, is making a historic visit to the United States;

Whereas His Holiness was elected to become fifth Khalifa to Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, a lifelong position, on April 22, 2003;

Whereas His Holiness is a leading Muslim figure promoting peace, who in his sermons, lectures, books, and personal meetings has continually advocated the Ahmadiyya values of service to humanity, universal human rights, and a peaceful and just society;

Whereas the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has suffered repeated hardships, including discrimination, persecution, and violence;

Whereas, on May 28, 2010, 86 Ahmadi Muslims were killed in Lahore, Pakistan, when two mosques belonging to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community were attacked by anti-Ahmadiyya terrorists;

Whereas despite the continued sectarian persecution that Ahmadi Muslims are subjected to, His Holiness continues to forbid violence;

Whereas His Holiness has traveled globally to promote and facilitate service to humanity, meeting with presidents, prime ministers, parliamentarians, and ambassadors of state;

Whereas during his visit to the United States, His Holiness will meet thousands of American Muslims in addition to significant United States Government leaders in order to strengthen relationships and find means of establishing peace and justice for all people; and

Whereas, on the morning of June 27, 2012, His Holiness will deliver the keynote address at a special bipartisan recep-

tion at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill, “The Path to Peace: Just Relations Between Nations”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) welcomes His Holiness, Mirza Masroor
- 3 Ahmad to Washington, DC;
- 4 (2) commends His Holiness for promoting indi-
- 5 vidual and world peace, as well as individual and
- 6 world justice; and
- 7 (3) commends His Holiness for his perseverance
- 8 in counseling Ahmadi Muslims to eschew any form
- 9 of violence, even in the face of severe persecution.

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