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H. RES. 273

Calling upon Muammar Qaddafi to immediately release United States citizens
detained in Libya.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Calling upon Muammar Qaddafi to immediately release
United States citizens detained in Libya.

Whereas in 1969, Muammar Qaddafi led a revolt against the
Libyan monarchy in the name of nationalism, self-deter-
mination, and popular sovereignty;

Whereas opposition groups citing the same principles are now
revolting against the Qaddafi regime;

Whereas the Government of Libya's use of force against civil-
ians and opposition forces sparked an international out-
cry and led the United Nations Security Council to adopt
Resolution 1973;

Whereas Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and other partner
governments also are participating in the military oper-
ation to enforce the resolution;

Whereas the National Transitional Council, an interim government established by anti-Qaddafi rebel forces was established on March 23, 2011, and has since been officially recognized by several countries;

Whereas meetings and communication have taken place between the United States Department of State and the National Transitional Council;

Whereas the United States has no diplomatic presence currently in Libya; and

Whereas eight United States citizens are missing in Libya and are presumed to be detained by Qaddafi forces: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) calls upon Muammar Qaddafi to immediately release the United States citizens detained in
3 Libya;

4 (2) urges the National Transitional Council to
5 search for and secure the release of the United
6 States citizens being detained in Libya; and

7 (3) encourages the United States Department
8 of State to request information about and help locating
9 any United States citizens who are missing in
10 Libya from other nations who maintain a diplomatic
11 presence in Libya.
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