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### **HCONRES 378**

Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Party: Republican • State: NJ • Chamber: House

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Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Apr 21, 2004
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Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Apr 21, 2004
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Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	$D\cdotND$	May 5, 2004
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D·IL	May 5, 2004
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV	May 12, 2004
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH	May 12, 2004
Rep. Burr, Richard [R-NC-5]	$R \cdot NC$	May 12, 2004
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	$R \cdot PA$	May 12, 2004
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA	May 12, 2004

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 4, 2004
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2004

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

Policy Area:

International Affairs

### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 SRES 311	Related bill	Mar 4, 2004: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2235)

States that Congress: (1) condemns the detention of Father Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and calls for his immediate and unconditional release; (2) condemns the violations of freedom of speech, religion, movement, association, and the lack of due process afforded to individuals in Vietnam; (3) urges the Government of Vietnam to consider the implications of its actions for the broader relationship with the United States, including the United States-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement; (4) urges the Government of Vietnam to allow unfettered access to the Central Highlands by foreign diplomats, the international press, and nongovernmental organizations; and (5) condemns the extent of the violence used against Montagnard protesters on April 10 and 11, 2004, and the use of any violence against peaceful protests and demonstrations.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should: (1) make the immediate release of Father Ly a top concern; (2) reiterate its deep concern regarding the violation of Father Ly's and other prisoners' human rights, and continue to urge the Government of Vietnam to comply with international standards for freedom and human rights; (3) make it clear to the Government of Vietnam that the detention and human rights violations of Father Ly and other persons create obstacles to improved bilateral relations with the United States; and (4) reiterate the deep concern of the United States regarding the continued imprisonment of Father Ly, and other persons whose human rights are being violated, and discuss their legal status and humanitarian needs with the Government of Vietnam.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- May 13, 2004: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- May 12, 2004: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2874-2875)
- May 12, 2004: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424 1 (Roll no. 167).(text as passed House: CR 5/11/2004 H2761)
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- May 12, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- May 11, 2004: Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- May 11, 2004: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2761-2765)
- May 11, 2004: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 378.
- May 11, 2004: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- Mar 31, 2004: Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Voice Vote.
- Mar 4, 2004: Introduced in House
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- Mar 4, 2004: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.