

HCONRES 365

Urging the Government of China to reinstate all licenses of Gao Zhisheng and his law firm, remove all legal and political obstacles for lawyers attempting to defend criminal cases in China, including politically sensitive cases, and revise law and practice in China so that it conforms to international standards.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 28, 2006
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 SCONRES 88	Related bill	Apr 7, 2006: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3396-3397)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Commends "rights defense" lawyers and activists of the People's Republic China (PRC) for their courage and integrity, and expresses moral support for this grass-roots rights defense movement in the PRC.

Urges the government of the PRC to: (1) reinstate all licenses of Gao Zhisheng and his law firm; (2) remove all legal and political obstacles for lawyers attempting to defend criminal and politically sensitive cases in the PRC; (3) revise law and practice in the PRC to conform to international standards; and (4) allow religious believers in China to practice their religion without interference, and release Pastor Cai Zhuohua, his wife, and others imprisoned with him, and allow Pastor Cai to resume religious activities.

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the U.S. government should support democracy and human rights programs in the PRC that strengthen protection of basic rights and freedoms, and should initiate programs to train lawyers, judges, academics, and students about international human rights law; (2) the U.S. government should seek grant proposals and fund programs to promote legal protections and cultural awareness of the right to freedom of religion or belief; and (3) the President should raise the issue of the PRC's harassment, arrest, and persecution of rights defense lawyers and activists and the need to respect the basic human rights of its citizens and the rule of law during his planned April 2006 meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2006:** Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 26, 2006:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **Apr 26, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1751-1754)
- **Apr 26, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 365.
- **Apr 26, 2006:** 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.
- **Apr 26, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1785)
- **Apr 26, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421 - 0, 1 Present (Roll no. 104).(text: CR H1751-1752)
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- **Apr 26, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 28, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.