

## HRES 711

Calling on the Government of Sri Lanka to address the human rights and humanitarian needs of its civilian internally displaced Tamil population currently living in government-run camps by working with the United Nations and the international community to implement a process of release and resettlement of such internally displaced persons (IDPs), and allowing foreign aid groups to provide relief and resources throughout the process.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Jul 31, 2009

**Current Status:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

**Latest Action:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection. (Nov 4, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-resolution/711>

---

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (33 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 31, 2009
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2009
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2009
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 23, 2009
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Sep 23, 2009
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Sep 25, 2009
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Oct 2, 2009
Rep. Inglis, Bob [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Oct 2, 2009
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Oct 7, 2009
Rep. McMahon, Michael E. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Oct 7, 2009
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Oct 7, 2009
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2009
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 15, 2009
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Oct 15, 2009
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Kilroy, Mary Jo [D-OH-15]	D · OH		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Murphy, Patrick J. [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Oct 20, 2009
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Oct 26, 2009
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 27, 2009
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Nov 4, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 31, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

---

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 4, 2009)

---

Urges the government of Sri Lanka to allow freedom of movement for civilian internally displaced persons (IDPs) to leave their camps and return in safety to their homes or to live with host families or move to open transit sites.

Calls on the Sri Lankan government to turn the operation of the camps over to civilian authorities and allow international agencies and independent nongovernmental organizations to assist in the care of the IDPs.

Urges the government of Sri Lanka to promote justice and political reconciliation for all parties and engage in dialogue with all parties, including Tamils inside and outside Sri Lanka, on new mechanisms for devolving power, improving human rights, and increasing accountability.

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Nov 4, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H12335-12336)
- **Nov 4, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 421 - 1 (Roll no. 854).(text: CR 11/3/2009 H12252)
- **Nov 4, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 421 - 1 (Roll no. 854). (text: CR 11/3/2009 H12252)
- **Nov 4, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 4, 2009:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Mr. Berman moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H12252-12254)
- **Nov 3, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 711.
- **Nov 3, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Poe (TX) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 31, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 31, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.