

HCONRES 109

Expressing the sense of Congress that the People's Republic of China should not repatriate the North Korean refugees detained in China, subjecting them to torture, imprisonment, and execution, but allow their resettlement in the Republic of Korea and other countries.

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Requests that: (1) China honor its obligations under the United Nations Convention relating to the 1951 Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol, and (2) the U.S. Ambassador to China should report within 30 days about whether he is allowed to visit the North Korean refugees and on their plight.

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) forced repatriations of North Korean refugees should be stopped, (2) North Korean refugees wishing third country resettlement should be allowed to apply for asylum with the assistance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and (3) the High Commissioner should have access to all North Korean refugees in China.

### **Actions Timeline**

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