

HRES 352

Expressing support for the designation of a "Prisoners of Conscience Day".

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 20, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 8, 2015)

Calls for the designation of a Prisoners of Conscience Day.

Requests that the President issue a proclamation recognizing Prisoners of Conscience Day.

Encourages Members of Congress to raise individual prisoner of conscience cases in Congress, with the executive branch, with their constituents, to foreign governments and multilateral organizations, and during delegation trips abroad.

Encourages the U.S. government to: (1) implement policies that support human rights programs, and (2) undertake actions directed at countries that detain prisoners of conscience in violation of international standards.

Urges that advocacy on behalf of prisoners of conscience be pursued at every level of U.S. foreign policy and in all bilateral and multilateral engagements.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
- **Jul 8, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 8, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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