

HRES 319

Reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promoting religious freedom globally, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

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Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2017

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reaffirms the U.S. commitment to promoting religious freedom globally.

Calls on the President to:

- strengthen U.S. religious freedom diplomacy;
- appoint a new Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom;
- name a Special Advisor for International Religious Freedom at the National Security Council;
- develop a national security strategy on international religious freedom;
- support international religious freedom in United Nations institutions;
- leverage the growing network of foreign international religious freedom focused institutions;
- develop a strategic plan for U.S. diplomatic missions to promote and protect international religious freedom;
- direct grants to specified groups engaged in innovative programs to build and strengthen pluralistic societies, protect freedom of religion, reduce conflict, and counter violent religious extremism and terrorism;
- develop a comprehensive and multiyear strategy that partners with specified entities to achieve rapid levels of closed society access to the Internet in promotion of democracy and human rights; and
- develop a comprehensive response to protect war crimes victims and to provide assistance to affected individuals from religious and ethnic groups in Iraq and Syria.

Urges the Department of State to: (1) implement Frank Wolf International Religious Freedom Act provisions that direct the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center to conduct training on religious freedom for all Foreign Service officers and all outgoing deputy chiefs of mission and ambassadors, (2) develop a training curriculum for American diplomats in international religious freedom policy, and (3) reestablish the Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group.

Actions Timeline

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