

## HRES 1259

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should prioritize securing the release of Pastor Jin Mingri, Pastor Gao Quanfu and his wife Pang Yu, Dr. Gulshan Abbas, and Jimmy Lai detained by the People's Republic of China during future engagements with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** May 7, 2026

**Current Status:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Latest Action:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (May 13, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-resolution/1259>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		May 11, 2026
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]	R · CA		May 12, 2026
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 12, 2026

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 7, 2026

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

This resolution calls upon the President to prioritize the humanitarian release of five specified individuals (Pastor Jin Mingri, Pastor Gao Quanfu and his wife Pang Yu, Dr. Gulshan Abbas, and Jimmy Lai) and others unjustly detained by China during future engagements with China's President Xi Jinping.

The resolution also (1) urges the President to seek verifiable proof of life, access to independent legal counsel, family communication, and medical care for these detainees; and (2) reaffirms the U.S. commitment to defending political and religious freedom and advocating for the release of those unjustly detained for exercising such fundamental freedoms.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 13, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3437-3438)
- **May 13, 2026:** 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): 414 - 0 (Roll no. 167).
- **May 13, 2026:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 0 (Roll no. 167).
- **May 13, 2026:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 12, 2026:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **May 12, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3372-3375; text: CR H3372)
- **May 12, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 1259.
- **May 12, 2026:** 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.
- **May 7, 2026:** Submitted in House
- **May 7, 2026:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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