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# H. R. 890

To provide for special immigrant status for certain aliens working as  
journalists in Hong Kong.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. HORN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide for special immigrant status for certain aliens  
working as journalists in Hong Kong.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN**  
4                       **ALIENS WORKING AS JOURNALISTS IN HONG**  
5                       **KONG.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), an alien  
7       described in subsection (b) shall be treated as a special

1 immigrant described in section 101(a)(27) of the Immi-  
2 gration and Nationality Act.

3 (b) ALIENS COVERED.—An alien is described in this  
4 subsection if the alien is—

5 (1) a journalist residing in Hong Kong—

6 (A) who is a national of Hong Kong or  
7 China;

8 (B) whose principal employment or source  
9 of income has been the news media (including  
10 print, radio, and television) in Hong Kong for  
11 at least 3 years prior to an application for spe-  
12 cial immigrant status under this section; and

13 (C) whose welfare or safety is likely to be  
14 subject to threats or harassment due directly to  
15 the journalist's work in the news media in  
16 Hong Kong; or

17 (2) the spouse or child (as defined in subsection  
18 (e)) of an alien described in paragraph (1), if accom-  
19 panying or following to join the alien in coming to  
20 the United States.

21 (c) PERIOD OF VALIDITY.—

22 (1) The period of validity of a special immi-  
23 grant visa issued under this section shall be on and  
24 after January 1, 1997, and before January 1, 2002.

1           (2) Before the date an alien seeks to be admit-  
2           ted to the United States as a special immigrant  
3           under this section, the alien shall notify the appro-  
4           priate consular officer of the alien's intention to seek  
5           such admission and provide such officer with such  
6           information as the officer determines to be necessary  
7           to verify that the alien remains eligible for admission  
8           to the United States as an immigrant.

9           (d) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Not more than  
10          2,000 visas shall be made available to aliens as special  
11          immigrants under this section. Aliens admitted under this  
12          section shall not be counted against any numerical limita-  
13          tion established under section 201 or 202 of the Immigra-  
14          tion and Nationality Act.

15          (e) TREATMENT OF CHILDREN.—In this section, the  
16          term “child” has the meaning given such term in section  
17          101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and  
18          also includes (for purposes of this section and the Immi-  
19          gration and Nationality Act as it applies to this section)  
20          an alien who was the child (as so defined) of the alien  
21          as of the date of the issuance of an immigrant visa to  
22          the alien described in subsection (b)(1).

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