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H. CON. RES. 307

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the ongoing prosecution of 13 members of Iran's Jewish community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HASTERT, and Mr. GEJDENSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas on the eve of the Jewish holiday of Passover in 1999, 13 Jews, including community and religious leaders in the cities of Shiraz and Isfahan, were arrested by the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran and accused of spying for the United States and Israel;

Whereas no evidence has been brought forth to substantiate these arrests, and no formal charges have been lodged after more than a year of consideration;

Whereas the Secretary of State has identified the case of the 13 Jews in Shiraz as "one of the barometers of U.S.-Iran relations";

Whereas countless nations have expressed their concern for these individuals and especially their human rights under the rule of law;

Whereas Iran must show signs of respecting human rights as a prerequisite for improving its relationship with the United States; and

Whereas President Khatami was elected on a platform of moderation and reform: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
 3 Clinton Administration should—

4 (1) condemn, in the strongest possible terms,
 5 the arrest and continued prosecution of the 13 Ira-
 6 nian Jews;

7 (2) demand that these fabricated charges be
 8 dropped immediately and individuals released forth-
 9 with; and

10 (3) ensure that Iran's treatment of this case is
 11 a benchmark for determining the nature of current
 12 and future United States-Iran relations.

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