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H. CON. RES. 364

Calling for the immediate release of Mr. Edmond Pope from prison in Russia for humanitarian reasons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2000

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for the immediate release of Mr. Edmond Pope from prison in Russia for humanitarian reasons, and for other purposes.

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope is a husband, father, grandfather, and businessman;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope traveled to Russia on a visa which explicitly stated that his business purpose was to purchase underwater propulsion technology;

Whereas this technology was advertised as available by commercial sale;

Whereas there are instances where this or similar technology has been sold on the open market;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope was arrested on April 3, 2000, in Moscow, Russia, and was subsequently imprisoned in Lefortovo;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope has been falsely charged with espionage but no specific charges of wrongdoing have been presented over these past 12 weeks;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope has been treated for bone cancer that is currently in remission, but requires constant medical monitoring;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope has been diagnosed with Graves disease;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope has been advised that he may also have melanoma;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope's prison conditions have caused a dramatic loss in weight and produced a rash associated with his untreated Graves disease;

Whereas these conditions could lead to a recurrence of his bone cancer;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope's father is dying of the very same cancer and deserves the opportunity to see his son;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope's 30th wedding anniversary occurred while imprisoned;

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope has been unjustly arrested and detained for nearly 3 months; and

Whereas United States business ventures within Russia will be detrimentally impacted by this event unless it is resolved quickly: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

1 (1) the Congress calls for the immediate release
2 of Mr. Edmond Pope on humanitarian reasons;

3 (2) no funds should be provided for the pur-
4 poses of assisting the Russian Federation to prepare
5 for or adjoin or accede to the World Trade Organi-
6 zation (WTO);

7 (3) no funds should be provided for programs
8 under the authority of the Overseas Private Invest-
9 ment Corporation for activities within the Russian
10 Federation; and

11 (4) the President should use the voice and vote
12 of the United States to oppose further loans to the
13 Government of the Russian Federation by any inter-
14 national funding institution of which the United
15 States is a member.

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