

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 409

Calling on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the proposed  
“Anti-Homosexuality Bill”, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS)  
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee  
on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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purposes.

Whereas a bill introduced on October 14, 2009, by a member  
of Parliament in Uganda would expand penalties for ho-  
mosexuality to include the death penalty and requires  
citizens to report information about homosexuality to the  
police or face imprisonment;

Whereas many countries criminalize homosexuality, and in  
some countries, such as Iran, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and  
Sudan, the penalty for homosexuality includes the death  
penalty;

Whereas the United States, in seeking to promote the core  
American principles of equality and “Life, Liberty, and

the pursuit of Happiness,” has long championed the universality of human rights;

Whereas religious leaders in the United States, along with representatives from the Vatican and the Anglican Church, have stated that laws criminalizing homosexuality are unjust; and

Whereas the people and Government of the United States recognize that such laws undermine our commitment to combating HIV/AIDS globally through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) by stigmatizing and criminalizing vulnerable communities: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) calls on members of the Parliament in  
3       Uganda to reject the “Anti-Homosexuality Bill” re-  
4       cently proposed in that country;

5               (2) urges the governments of all countries to re-  
6       ject and repeal similar criminalization laws; and

7               (3) encourages the Secretary of State to closely  
8       monitor human rights abuses that occur because of  
9       sexual orientation and to encourage the repeal or re-  
10      form of laws such as the proposed “Anti-Homosex-  
11      uality Bill” in Uganda that permit such abuses.

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