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H. RES. 1034

Condemning Iranian state-sponsored terrorism and expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLINTOCK (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. POE of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning Iranian state-sponsored terrorism and expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran.

Whereas, on July 2, 2018, the Belgium Federal Prosecutor's Office announced the foiling of a terrorist plot against the "Free Iran 2018 – the Alternative" gathering held on June 30, 2018, in support of the Iranian people's quest for freedom;

Whereas the Free Iran gathering had commenced to show support for the Iranian opposition leader Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan for future Iran, that calls for universal right to vote, free elections, and advocates gender, religious and ethnic equality, and adheres to a market economy;

Whereas the plan calls for establishment of a republic in Iran based on separation of religion and state and envisions a non-nuclear Iran;

Whereas the plan commits to the abolition of Sharia Law, practiced by the Iranian regime, and a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence and international and regional peace and cooperation, as well as respect for the United Nations Charter;

Whereas senior governmental, military, and public security officials in Iran have for decades ordered or committed egregious human rights violations and acts of terror;

Whereas a senior Iranian diplomat based in the Iranian embassy in Vienna, Austria, was also arrested in connection with the planned terror plot while in Germany;

Whereas the Iranian diplomat has been charged in Belgium in connection with the terrorist plot and in Germany with “activity as a foreign agent and conspiracy to commit murder”;

Whereas a senior Department of State official said on July 10, 2018, that “Iran uses embassies as cover to plot terrorist attacks.”, and that “The most recent example is the plot that the Belgians foiled, and we had an Iranian diplomat out of the Austrian embassy as part of the plot to bomb a meeting of Iranian opposition leaders in Paris.”;

Whereas the Department of State official has urged “all nations to be vigilant about Iran using embassies as diplomatic cover to plot terrorist attacks”;

Whereas Secretary of State Mike Pompeo expressed concern about Iran’s use of its embassies to plan terrorist activi-

ties in Europe, including the “plot to bomb an Iranian opposition group rally in France on June 30, 2018”;

Whereas several prominent former United States Government officials, three retired United States generals, congressional staff, and thousands of United States citizens participated at this gathering; and

Whereas a large bipartisan group of Members of Congress supported H.R. 4744, and have expressed support for “efforts made by the people of Iran to promote the establishment of basic freedoms that build the foundation for the emergence of a freely elected, open, non-corrupt and democratic political system”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns past and present Iranian state-
3 sponsored terrorist attacks against United States
4 citizens, United States officials, and Iranian dis-
5 sidents;

6 (2) condemns the Iranian regime’s terror plot
7 against United States citizens and other participants
8 of the “Free Iran 2018 – the Alternative” gathering
9 in Paris;

10 (3) calls on relevant United States Government
11 agencies to work with European allies to identify
12 and bring to justice the Iranian officials behind this
13 plot;

14 (4) stands with the people of Iran who are en-
15 gaged in continuing, legitimate, and peaceful pro-
16 tests against an oppressive, corrupt regime; and

1 (5) recognizes the rights of the Iranian people
2 and their struggle to establish a democratic, secular,
3 and non-nuclear republic of Iran.

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