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# H. RES. 394

Supporting international academic freedom and American universities abroad.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mr. COOK) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting international academic freedom and American  
universities abroad.

Whereas American universities and colleges have worked to  
effectively share knowledge and promote the tradition of  
academic freedom around the world;

Whereas American universities and colleges operating in  
other countries have created vibrant academic institutions  
that are part of the local society in the host countries  
and also connect local students and faculty to the United  
States and the world;

Whereas such academic institutions strengthen the peaceful,  
productive ties between the host countries and the United  
States and benefit local economies, advancing the na-  
tional interests of both the United States and the hosting  
country;

Whereas academic freedom is under assault in many parts of the world, among other urgent challenges to fundamental freedoms and universal values; and

Whereas it is essential for the United States Government to support and defend American-accredited academic institutions that are subjected to discrimination, harassment, coercion, unjustified closure or seizure: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) believes that it should be the policy of the  
3       United States to support American-accredited aca-  
4       demic institutions that are subjected to discrimina-  
5       tion or harassment by foreign governments and to  
6       respond quickly in the case of the coercion, unjusti-  
7       fied closure, or seizure of any such institution; and

8               (2) urges the Secretary of State to take strong  
9       and effective measures to respond to any such treat-  
10       ment toward American-accredited academic institu-  
11       tions operating in other countries.

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