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H. RES. 824

Opposing the detention and deportation of Iraqi Chaldean Christians.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOOLENAAR (for himself, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. TROTT, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. UPTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Opposing the detention and deportation of Iraqi Chaldean Christians.

Whereas the United States has traditionally had an important role as a safe harbor for persecuted religious minorities;

Whereas the Trump Administration has pledged to prioritize the defense of persecuted minorities in the Middle East and around the world;

Whereas the United States Congress and the Department of State have recognized that genocide has been committed against the religious minorities of Iraq;

Whereas Chaldean Christians represent a significant religious minority in Iraq;

Whereas the Chaldean community of Iraq faces active persecution by both state and nonstate actors;

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security has detained several hundred Chaldeans living in the United States for possible deportation to Iraq;

Whereas any Chaldean deported to Iraq will be subject to discrimination, violent persecution, and possibly death; and

Whereas the Chaldean community represents a vibrant and important part of United States culture and society:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) opposes the detention and possible removal
3 of Iraqi Chaldeans; and

4 (2) urges President Donald Trump to use his
5 executive authority and discretion to defer deporta-
6 tion for Iraqi Chaldeans living in the United States.

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