

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CALLING FOR AN END TO
3 CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION AND FOR EVERY GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE FUNDA-
4 MENTAL RIGHTS OF CHRISTIANS TO PRACTICE THEIR FAITH WITHOUT PERSECUTION
5 OR FEAR OF DEATH, RAPE, IMPRISONMENT, FORCED MARRIAGE, OR PHYSICAL VIO-
6 LENCE.

7 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

8 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of
9 Independence are rooted in the fundamental truth that all people are cre-
10 ated equal, endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, includ-
11 ing life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 1, Article I, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho
13 states all men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable
14 rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquir-
15 ing, possessing, and protecting property, pursuing happiness, and securing
16 safety; and

17 WHEREAS, the right of freedom of religion for all people undergirds the
18 very origin and existence of the United States and the State of Idaho; and

19 WHEREAS, the right of freedom of religion for all people is a fundamen-
20 tal human right that must be upheld by every nation and guaranteed by every
21 government; and

22 WHEREAS, over 300 million Christians worldwide are experiencing high
23 levels of persecution including death, rape, imprisonment, forced marriage,
24 and physical violence; and

25 WHEREAS, over the last decade 90,000 Christians around the world have
26 been martyred annually for their faith; and

27 WHEREAS, there is a growing crisis of persecution and genocide against
28 Christians underway; and

29 WHEREAS, it is essential to shine a bright light to the untold suffer-
30 ing, hardship, and pain of persecuted Christians around the world and in the
31 United States; and

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Represen-
33 tatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho
34 Legislature, that the State of Idaho declares its support for the fundamen-
35 tal human rights and religious freedom of all people, including Christians,
36 globally and in the United States, calls for an end to Christian persecution,
37 and calls on every government to recognize the fundamental rights of Chris-
38 tians to practice their faith without persecution or fear of death, rape,
39 imprisonment, forced marriage, or physical violence.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because the State of Idaho values religious
41 freedom for all as a fundamental tenet of our form of government, we resolve
42 to stand in support of the religious freedom of Christians worldwide and

1 condemn any religious persecution of those Christians globally and in the
2 United States.