

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1022

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A Resolution memorializing President Obama and Congress to reaffirm our nation's commitments to promoting and protecting religious freedom throughout the world and to condemn increasing number of Christians who are killed around the world; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, vast numbers of Christians have experienced persecution and martyrdom in the twenty-first century and because of their faith are now facing mounting reigns of terror throughout much of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Christian faith is restricted and in some places banned, and believers are imprisoned, enslaved, persecuted and even killed; and

WHEREAS, the World Watch List is compiled by Open Doors USA, a human rights organization which has monitored Christian persecution worldwide since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Watch List, in the world today each month, on average, 322 Christians are killed for their faith, 214 Christian churches and properties are destroyed and 772 acts of violence occur against Christians; and

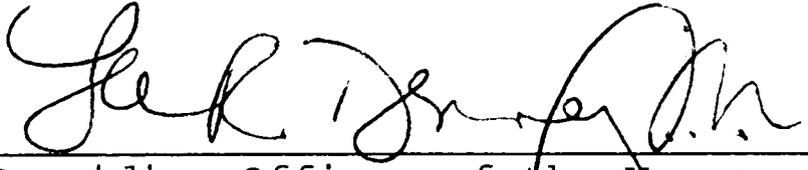
WHEREAS, President Obama recently declared on Religious Freedom Day, "We must also continue our work to protect religious freedom around the globe. Throughout the world, millions of individuals are subjected to discrimination, abuse, and sanctioned violence simply for exercising their religion or choosing not to claim a faith."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT President Obama and the United States Congress should reaffirm our nation's commitments to promoting and protecting religious freedom around the world and should condemn the killing of an increasing number of Christians around the world who are killed because of their faith.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and the Oklahoma Congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of May, 2015.


Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 13th
day of May, 20 15, at 4:17 o'clock P. M.
By: C. Benze