

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.CON.RES. 36
OFFERED BY MR. WEXLER OF FLORIDA

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas United States citizen Robert Levinson is a retired agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a resident of Florida, the husband of Christine Levinson, and father of their 7 children;

Whereas Robert Levinson traveled from Dubai to Kish Island, Iran, on March 8, 2007;

Whereas, after traveling to Kish Island and checking into the Hotel Maryam, he disappeared on March 9, 2007;

Whereas neither his family nor the United States Government has received further information on his fate or whereabouts;

Whereas March 9, 2009 marks the second anniversary of the disappearance of Robert Levinson;

Whereas the Government of Switzerland, which has served as Protecting Power for the United States in the Islamic Republic of Iran in the absence of diplomatic relations between the United States Government and the Government of Iran since 1980, has continuously pressed the Government of Iran on the case of Robert Levinson and lent vital assistance and support to the Levinson family during their December 2007 visit to Iran;

Whereas officials of the Government of Iran promised their continued assistance to the relatives of Robert Levinson

during the visit of the family to the Islamic Republic of Iran in December 2007; and

Whereas the Government of Iran, including through a statement made during an interview with NBC News broadcast on July 28, 2008, has declared that its officials are willing to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the search for Robert Levinson: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That Congress—

1 (1) commends the Embassy of Switzerland in
2 Tehran and the Government of Switzerland for the
3 ongoing assistance to the United States Government
4 and to the family of Robert Levinson, particularly
5 during the visit by Christine Levinson and other relatives
6 to Iran in December 2007;

7 (2) notes that Iranian officials ensured the safety
8 of the family of Robert Levinson during their December
9 2007 visit to Iran, and have promised their
10 continued assistance;

11 (3) urges the Government of Iran, as a humanitarian
12 gesture, to intensify its cooperation on the
13 case of Robert Levinson with the Embassy of Switzerland
14 in Tehran and to share the results of its in-

1 vestigation into the disappearance of Robert
2 Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
3 (4) urges the President and the allies of the
4 United States to raise at every opportunity in all ap-
5 propriate multilateral and bilateral fora the case of
6 Robert Levinson; and
7 (5) expresses sympathy to the family of Robert
8 Levinson during this trying period.

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral fora the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation”.

