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# H. RES. 1008

Recognizing and expressing support for the Iranian people protesting for a free and democratic Iran.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ANSARI (for herself, Ms. FOXX, Mr. HIMES, Mrs. BICE, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CAREY, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and expressing support for the Iranian people protesting for a free and democratic Iran.

Whereas, for nearly five decades, the people of Iran have endured brutal repression under the Islamic Republic, a regime that denies basic human rights, silences dissidents, and responds to peaceful protest with violence;

Whereas, once again, the people of Iran are courageously taking to the streets to demand economic opportunity, human rights, dignity, and freedom;

Whereas the Islamic Republic has responded to the ongoing protests with brutality by killing protestors, arresting thousands, and restricting internet access and telephone lines;

Whereas the people of Iran are in part protesting the Islamic regime’s economic mismanagement, corruption, internal suppression, and unjust executions;

Whereas access to free expression, open information, and uncensored communication are fundamental human rights;

Whereas the inspiring 2022 Women, Life, Freedom protests demanded an end to the Islamic Republic and its violence, including against Iranian women and ethnic minorities;

Whereas the barbaric so-called morality police and other arms of state suppression have a lengthy history of repressing the Iranian people’s fundamental freedoms, including the freedom to assemble, the freedom of religion, and women’s rights;

Whereas the Islamic regime has engaged in systematic efforts to intimidate, harass, detain, and harm political dissidents, activists, and journalists both within Iran and beyond its borders;

Whereas the people of Iran deserve the right to dignity, democracy, and self-determination and to be free from the brutality of the Islamic Republic; and

Whereas, on January 26, 2023, the United States House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 7, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the Iranian people: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) commends the bravery and resolve of the

3       Iranian people in their fight for a free and demo-

4       cratic Iran;

1           (2) strongly condemns the brutality of the Is-  
2           lamic Republic, which uses violent military force to  
3           suppress civilian protesters;

4           (3) demands that the Iranian regime cease its  
5           threats, intimidation, and violence against peaceful  
6           protesters, release all political prisoners, and allow  
7           unhindered medical assistance to demonstrators  
8           wounded by the regime's violent repression;

9           (4) recognizes the right of the Iranian people to  
10          freely determine, through free and fair elections, the  
11          nature of their political regime;

12          (5) urges immediate expansion of unrestricted  
13          internet access and civilian lines of communication  
14          across Iran; and

15          (6) implores the Government of the United  
16          States to work in coordination with its allies to con-  
17          sider and implement concrete measures to deter fur-  
18          ther lethal violence against protesters.

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