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**H. C. R. No. 31**

**Representative Derickson**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the President of the United States to halt the settlement of Syrian refugees in Ohio and the United States. 1  
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Since 2011, conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic has displaced roughly four million Syrian nationals, many of whom have fled to other Arab nations and to Europe; and 4  
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WHEREAS, The United States of America has recently intensified the resettlement of Syrian national refugees due to increased conflict perpetuated by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria; and 7  
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WHEREAS, It is possible that members of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or another radical extremist terrorist organization, could infiltrate the State of Ohio and the United States of America by claiming Syrian refugee status; and 11  
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WHEREAS, It is not possible to adequately investigate the legitimacy of each claim of refugee status to prevent members of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria from entering the United States; and 15  
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WHEREAS, Security concerns continue to mount regarding the resettlement of Syrian nationals to the State of Ohio and the 19  
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United States of America; now therefore be it 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 22  
Assembly of the State of Ohio urge the President of the United 23  
States to prevent the resettlement of Syrian refugees into the 24  
State of Ohio as well as the United States of America; and be it 25  
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RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is 27  
hereby directed to transmit duly authenticated copies of this 28  
resolution to the President of the United States, to the United 29  
States Secretary of Homeland Security, to the Director of the 30  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, to the 31  
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 32  
to the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United 33  
States Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional 34  
delegation, and to the news media of Ohio. 35