

As Introduced

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H. C. R. No. 37

Representative Stoltzfus

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress and President of the 1
United States, with haste, to take action to bring 2
home the missionaries who have been taken hostage in 3
Haiti. 4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, Seventeen missionaries were kidnapped by a gang in 5
Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as they were leaving an orphanage; and 6

WHEREAS, Local authorities said the group that was 7
kidnapped included sixteen Americans and one Canadian; and 8

WHEREAS, Haiti has been in a state of political upheaval 9
for years, and kidnappings of the rich and poor alike are 10
alarmingly common; and 11

WHEREAS, Violence is surging across Port-au-Prince, which 12
is controlled by gangs. By some estimates, gangs now control 13
roughly half of the city; and 14

WHEREAS, The kidnappers have released a video threatening 15
to put a bullet in the heads of the hostages, including an 16
eight-month-old baby if their demands are not met; and 17

WHEREAS, The fate of the hostages should not be left in the 18
hands of kidnappers who have no regard for human life; and 19

WHEREAS, An evaluation of the nation's conscience demands 20
that the federal government use any and all means available to 21
ensure that the seventeen missionaries, who without fault were 22
acting in good faith to help Haitians in need, be brought to 23
safety; now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 25
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the United States Congress 26
and the President of the United States, with haste, to take 27
action to bring home the missionaries who have been taken 28
hostage in Haiti; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 31
President of the United States, the Secretary of the United 32
States Department of Defense, the President of the United States 33
Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of 34
Representatives, each member of the Ohio congressional 35
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 36