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Committee**

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**H. R. No. 147**

**Representative Stoltzfus**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, John, Creech**

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**A RESOLUTION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO:**

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 kidnapers 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 Ohio House of 25  
Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of 26  
Ohio, urge the United States Congress and the President of the 27  
United States, with haste, to take action to bring home the 28  
missionaries who have been taken hostage in Haiti; and be it 29  
further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 31  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 32  
President of the United States, the Secretary of the United 33  
States Department of Defense, the President of the United States 34  
Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of 35  
Representatives, each member of the Ohio congressional 36  
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 37