

A RESOLUTION

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

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted _____, 20____