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To ensure the emergency protection of Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty/Hurriya and to provide for their admission as refugees to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRABACHER (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COOK, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ISSA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. WESTMORELAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To ensure the emergency protection of Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty/Hurriya and to provide for their admission as refugees to the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY.**

4 It shall be the policy of the United States to—

5 (1) take all necessary and appropriate steps in
6 accordance with international agreements to support

1 the commitments of the United States to ensure the
2 physical security and protection of Camp Liberty/
3 Hurriya residents, members of the opposition Muja-
4 hedeen e-Khalq (MEK), in accordance with the
5 United States Embassy Statement on Transfer of
6 Security Responsibility for Camp Ashraf of Decem-
7 ber 28, 2008;

8 (2) assist the United Nations High Commis-
9 sioner for Refugees in ensuring the rapid and or-
10 derly resettlement of all residents of Camp Liberty/
11 Hurriya to safe locations outside of Iraq; and

12 (3) permit the admission as refugees of the
13 residents of Camp Liberty/Hurriya to the United
14 States, who express a desire for such resettlement.

15 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

16 The Congress makes the following findings:

17 (1) The United States recognized the residents
18 of the former Camp Ashraf who now reside in Camp
19 Liberty/Hurriya as “protected persons” under the
20 Fourth Geneva Convention and committed itself to
21 protect the residents until their final disposition.

22 (2) The United States expects the Government
23 of Iraq to continue this commitment of protection of
24 the residents of Camp Liberty/Hurriya, as reflected
25 in the United States Embassy Statement on Trans-

1 fer of Security Responsibility for Camp Ashraf of
2 December 28, 2008.

3 (3) The residents of the former Camp Ashraf,
4 who now reside in Camp Liberty/Hurriya, renounced
5 violence and unilaterally disarmed more than a dec-
6 ade ago.

7 (4) Dozens of residents of Camp Liberty/
8 Hurriya were permanent residents or political refu-
9 gees in the United States.

10 (5) Camp Liberty/Hurriya residents have pro-
11 vided valuable intelligence to the international com-
12 munity concerning efforts by the Government of
13 Iran to establish a nuclear weapons capability and to
14 supply the terrorist groups in Iraq with Improvised
15 Explosive Devices (IEDs).

16 (6) Camp Liberty/Hurriya residents share the
17 desire of the United States in seeing the establish-
18 ment of a peaceful, democratic, non-nuclear govern-
19 ment in Iran with full rights for women and reli-
20 gious and ethnic minorities.

21 (7) The residents of Camp Liberty/Hurriya are
22 cooperating in the framework of an agreement be-
23 tween the United Nations and the Government of
24 Iraq to transfer the residents out of Iraq.

1 (8) Despite Iraq’s acceptance of the U.S. com-
2 mitment to protect Camp Ashraf residents, the un-
3 armed residents have been attacked five times in
4 2009, 2011, and 2013 during their residence in the
5 former Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty/Hurriya by
6 external persons and organizations, including Iraqi
7 security forces, killing more than 100 residents and
8 wounding 1,000 others.

9 (9) Iraqi security forces are permanently sta-
10 tioned all around Camp Liberty/Hurriya, despite
11 their history of violence against the unarmed resi-
12 dents, while all Liberty/Hurriya residents are kept
13 inside the Camp’s walled compound, with no free-
14 dom of movement for the residents outside the
15 Camp and no access to counsel, family, NGOs, and
16 press.

17 **SEC. 3. ACTIONS TO PROTECT IRANIAN DISSIDENTS LIVING**
18 **IN CAMP LIBERTY/HURRIYA.**

19 (1) The United States shall take all necessary
20 and appropriate steps to ensure the safety of the
21 residents of Camp Liberty/Hurriya.

22 (2) The United States shall provide all nec-
23 essary and appropriate assistance to the United Na-
24 tions High Commissioner for Refugees to process
25 applications by the residents of Camp Liberty/

1 Hurriya for refugee status and to secure their or-
2 derly resettlement in safe locations outside of Iraq,
3 including in the United States for any such residents
4 who express such a desire.

5 (3) The United States shall timely admit as ref-
6 ugees the residents of Camp Liberty/Hurriya in the
7 U.S. and in doing so shall not delay or bar such re-
8 settlement merely because any such resident is or
9 has been a member of, or supports or has supported,
10 organizations or groups that were subject to the Sec-
11 retary of State's decision of September 21, 2012, in
12 Public Notice 8049, notwithstanding
13 §§ 212(a)(3)(B) and 212(a)(3)(F) of the Immigra-
14 tion and Nationality Act of 1965, as amended.

15 (4) Within 90 days of the effective date of this
16 Act, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the
17 Department of Homeland Security shall report to
18 the Congress on steps taken by the United States to
19 guard the safety of the residents of Camp Liberty/
20 Hurriya and to secure their orderly resettlement in
21 safe locations in accordance with the provisions of
22 this Act.

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