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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution condemning the abduction of more than 250  
3 Nigerian girls by the Boko Haram terrorist group and  
4 calling for increased efforts worldwide to combat  
5 human trafficking, particularly of women and girls.  
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7 WHEREAS, on April 14, 2014, in the small town of Chibok,  
8 Nigeria, more than 250 girls, aged 16 to 18, were captured and  
9 kidnapped from their boarding school by the Boko Haram terrorist  
10 group, and

11 WHEREAS, Boko Haram has been accused of abducting numerous  
12 women and girls, some as young as 12 years of age, to traffic  
13 them as sex slaves or force them to marry combatants, and

14 WHEREAS, according to the International Crisis Group, Boko  
15 Haram's 5-year insurgency has grown more ruthless, violent, and  
16 destructive, and has claimed the lives of more than 4,000 people  
17 and forced almost half a million others to flee their homes, and

18 WHEREAS, more than 3 months have passed since the  
19 abductions but little progress has been made towards freeing the  
20 girls, and

21 WHEREAS, Boko Haram has openly threatened to sell the  
22 abducted girls into slavery, and

23 WHEREAS, this outrage demands a significant worldwide  
24 response to help rescue the abducted girls, combat Boko Haram in

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25 | Africa, and stand against the broader threat of modern-day  
26 | slavery, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
29 | Florida:

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31 |       That the horrific abductions of the Nigerian girls by the  
32 | Boko Haram terrorist group are condemned and that the Florida  
33 | House of Representatives calls for their immediate release in  
34 | order to *Bring Back our Daughters* and also calls for increased  
35 | efforts worldwide to combat human trafficking, particularly of  
36 | women and girls.