

House Resolution 521

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Cummings of the 39th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging President Joe Biden and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas to take
2 swift action to provide Special Humanitarian Parole for Cameroonian refugees facing abuse,
3 medical negligence, and racial discrimination at the hands of the United States immigration
4 system; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, for over a decade, Cameroon has been marred by five armed conflicts, including
6 terrors from Boko Haram, rebels from Seleka/Anti-Balaka, the Herder-Farmer Conflict,
7 Electoral Violence, and the ongoing Anglophone Conflict; and

8 WHEREAS, these Cameroonians face disproportionately high denial rates of their Credible
9 Fear Interview (CFI) and asylum refusals; and

10 WHEREAS, recent complaints documented by human rights organizations such as the
11 Cameroon American Council revealed discriminatory treatment by United States government
12 agents against Cameroonians in immigration detention; and

13 WHEREAS, Cameroonian migrant women such as Pauline Binam, Noela Sala, and
14 Josephine Kinaka have experienced severe medical negligence and abuse, including a
15 non-consensual gynecological procedure at Georgia's Irwin County Detention Center; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2020, Noela Sala and Josephine Kinaka were, along with hundreds of other
17 Cameroonian refugees, deported back to the inhumane conditions they had fled, separating
18 them from their families still in the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the perilous circumstances of these
20 refugees be met with executive action.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body urge President Joe Biden and Secretary of Homeland Security
23 Alejandro Mayorkas to take swift action to provide Special Humanitarian Parole for
24 Cameroonian refugees facing abuse, medical negligence, and racial discrimination at the
25 hands of the United States immigration system.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 members of the Georgia congressional delegation.