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# H. RES. 273

Calling upon Muammar Qaddafi to immediately release United States citizens  
detained in Libya.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER submitted the following resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

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United States citizens detained in Libya.

Whereas in 1969, Muammar Qaddafi led a revolt against the  
Libyan monarchy in the name of nationalism, self-deter-  
mination, and popular sovereignty;

Whereas opposition groups citing the same principles are now  
revolting against the Qaddafi regime;

Whereas the Government of Libya's use of force against civil-  
ians and opposition forces sparked an international out-  
cry and led the United Nations Security Council to adopt  
Resolution 1973;

Whereas Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and other partner  
governments also are participating in the military oper-  
ation to enforce the resolution;

Whereas the National Transitional Council, an interim government established by anti-Qaddafi rebel forces was established on March 23, 2011, and has since been officially recognized by several countries;

Whereas meetings and communication have taken place between the United States Department of State and the National Transitional Council;

Whereas the United States has no diplomatic presence currently in Libya; and

Whereas eight United States citizens are missing in Libya and are presumed to be detained by Qaddafi forces: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) calls upon Muammar Qaddafi to immediately release the United States citizens detained in  
3       Libya;

4               (2) urges the National Transitional Council to  
5       search for and secure the release of the United  
6       States citizens being detained in Libya; and

7               (3) encourages the United States Department  
8       of State to request information about and help locating  
9       any United States citizens who are missing in  
10       Libya from other nations who maintain a diplomatic  
11       presence in Libya.  
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