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Denouncing the wrongful and unjust seizure and confiscation of private property of Iranians both inside and outside of Iran, including United States citizens of Iranian descent, by the Government of Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2016

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

RESOLUTION

Denouncing the wrongful and unjust seizure and confiscation of private property of Iranians both inside and outside of Iran, including United States citizens of Iranian descent, by the Government of Iran.

Whereas the Government of Iran came to power in 1979 and is ruled to this day by an autocratic government;

Whereas victims of the Government of Iran included individuals persecuted or targeted for persecution based on their political beliefs and associations, as well as their religious, ethnic, and cultural identities;

Whereas an instrumentality of state persecution included the wrongful and unjust seizure and confiscation of private property including real property, personal property, and financial assets;

Whereas a great number of owners of such property fled for safety to the United States or Europe and are now citizens of those countries;

Whereas the Government of Iran has transferred ownership of such confiscated property to government-affiliated foundations and related institutions; and

Whereas the Government of Iran has shown no sign that it intends to return or compensate the rightful owners of said government's wrongful property seizures: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) denounces the wrongful and unjust seizure
3 and confiscation of private property of Iranians both
4 inside and outside of Iran, including United States
5 citizens of Iranian descent, by the Government of
6 Iran; and

7 (2) calls on the Government of Iran to provide
8 fair, comprehensive, and nondiscriminatory restitu-
9 tion of or compensation for all such property wrong-
10 fully and unjustly seized and confiscated by the Gov-
11 ernment of Iran.

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