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110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

## H. RES. \_\_\_\_\_

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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Whereas on April 8, 2006, 118 Vietnamese citizens signed a Manifesto on Freedom and Democracy for Vietnam, with the objective “to reestablish fundamental rights of the people” of Vietnam, “sacred rights of the Vietnamese nation [which] have been brutally trampled upon the moment the communist government was installed in Vietnam”;

Whereas these 118 Vietnamese citizens and the thousands who have subsequently signed the Manifesto are referred to as the Bloc 8406, based on date the Manifesto was signed, on the eighth day of April in the year 2006;

Whereas the Manifesto calls on those inside and outside Vietnam to support peaceful, non violent action to bring democracy and basic human rights to the Vietnamese people;

Whereas 13 of these brave supporters of democracy have since been sentenced to a total of 68 years in prison for signing the Manifesto;

Whereas at least 10 of these democracy advocates have since been detained by the Government of Vietnam for 18 months or more, for signing their names to the Manifesto;

Whereas at least five other signers of the peaceful, non violent Manifesto have been harassed and placed under house arrest by the Government of Vietnam; and

Whereas in addition to the signers of the Manifesto, the Government of Vietnam has continued to harass, arrest, and detain peaceful, non violent supporters of democracy, including United States citizens Cong Thanh Do, Truong Van Ba, Nguyen Quoc Quan, and to unlawfully arrest

United States citizens traveling to Vietnam, including Le Van Phan, and Nguyen Thi Think: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That

2           (1) the House of Representatives—

3               (A) calls on the government of Vietnam to  
4           release those imprisoned for signing the Mani-  
5           festo on Freedom and Democracy for Vietnam,  
6           including—

7               (i) Father Nguyen Van Ly, sentenced  
8           to 8 years;

9               (ii) Nguyen Phong, sentenced to 6  
10          years;

11              (iii) Nguyen Binh Thanh, sentenced  
12          to 5 years;

13              (iv) Nguyen Bac Truyen, jurist, sen-  
14          tenced to 4 years;

15              (v) Le Nguyen Sang, medical doctor,  
16          sentenced to 5 years;

17              (vi) Huynh Nguyen Dao, journalist,  
18          sentenced to 3 years;

19              (vii) Nguyen Van Dai, lawyer, sen-  
20          tenced to 5 years;

21              (viii) Le Thi Cong Nhan, lawyer, sen-  
22          tenced to 4 years;

23              (ix) Tran Quoc Hien, jurist, sentenced  
24          to 5 years;

1 (x) Le Van Soc, Hoa Hao Buddhist,  
2 sentenced to 6 years;

3 (xi) Hang Tan Phat, sentenced to 6  
4 years;

5 (xii) Truong Quoc Huy, freelance  
6 journalist, sentenced to 6 years; and

7 (xiii) Truong Minh Duc, sentenced to  
8 5 years;

9 (B) urges the Government of Vietnam to  
10 end its detention of those who are being held  
11 without a trial, for their signature to the Mani-  
12 festo, including—

13 (i) Vu Hoang Hai;

14 (ii) Nguyen Ngoc Quang;

15 (iii) Pham Ba Hai;

16 (iv) Nguyen Tan Hoanh (aka Doan  
17 Huu Chuong);

18 (v) Tran Thi Le Hang;

19 (vi) Doan Van Dien;

20 (vii) Le Ba Triet;

21 (viii) Ho Thi Bich Khuong;

22 (ix) Vu Van Hung; and

23 (x) Dang Hung; and

24 (C) insists that the Government of Viet-  
25 nam cease harassment and house arrest of

1 those nonviolent democracy advocates who  
2 signed the Manifesto, including—

3 (i) Bui Kim Thanh, jurist;

4 (ii) Do Nam Hai, co-founder of Bloc  
5 8406;

6 (iii) Tran Khai Thanh Thuy, novelist;

7 (iv) Hong Trung, Seventh-day Ad-  
8 ventist pastor;

9 (v) Nguyen Hong Quang, Mennonite  
10 pastor; and

11 (vi) Pham Ngoc Thach, Mennonite  
12 evangelist; and

13 (2) it is the sense of the House of Representa-  
14 tives that—

15 (A) the members of the Bloc 8406 should  
16 be commended for their selfless, peaceful ef-  
17 forts, to bring democracy and human rights to  
18 the Vietnamese people;

19 (B) the President should request that the  
20 Government of Vietnam release all of these non-  
21 violent, peaceful supporters of Democracy, in-  
22 cluding United States citizen Dr. Nguyen Quoc  
23 Quan, who has been held without charges in  
24 Vietnam since November 17, 2007; and

1                   (C) the President should direct the Sec-  
2                   retary of State to establish a Countries of Par-  
3                   ticular Concern list to condemn countries like  
4                   Vietnam, which engage in “particularly severe  
5                   violations” of human rights, parallel in struc-  
6                   ture to the Countries of Particular Concern list  
7                   for countries with “particularly severe violations  
8                   of religious freedom,” as mandated under the  
9                   International Religious Freedom Act of 1998  
10                   (22 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.).