

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Government to take all steps necessary to stop the genocide of Christians, Yazidis, and Shia Muslims in ISIS-controlled territory.

WHEREAS, the Islamic State, commonly known as ISIS, is a radical Islamic group that practices Wahhabism, Sharia law, and religious intolerance in pursuit of terror; and

WHEREAS, escalating in 2014, ISIS has engaged in a campaign of murder and genocide of Christians, Yazidis, and Shia Muslims in the Middle East, particularly in Syria and in the war-ravaged areas of northern Iraq; and

WHEREAS, these murderous acts have depleted the Christian population to the point of near-extinction. Many Christians have fled their homes and have entered the tide of refugees into neighboring countries, creating a situation of hopelessness and despair in the very part of the world where Christianity once flourished 2000 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Yazidis of Iraq have faced the same terror. It is estimated that there are currently 200,000 Yazidi refugees, and scores of Shia Turkmen in Iraq have been murdered near the city of Mosul and in the Sinjar Province; and

WHEREAS, the Senate urges the United States Government to stop the genocide of these minorities and to address the growing scourge of ISIS terrorism and hatred in the Middle East and spreading globally. It is only through a serious and solemn accounting of the facts that innocents may be spared from the daily horror wrought by ISIS;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:***

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby urge the United States Government to take all steps necessary to stop the genocide of Christians, Yazidis, and Shia Muslims in ISIS-controlled territories, and in so doing take proper measures to stop the ideology of fear and intimidation that ISIS is fomenting and spreading throughout the world.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.