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Calling for the immediate release of Mr. Edmond Pope from prison in the Russian Federation for humanitarian reasons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DEMINT, Ms. DUNN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. KLINK, Mr. McKEON, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. THORBERRY, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOEHNER, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COOK, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. COX, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. EWING, Mr. FATAH, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. HOYER, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. KIND, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MASCARA, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MICA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. POMBO, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. QUINN, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. RILEY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. WILSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for the immediate release of Mr. Edmond Pope from prison in the Russian Federation for humanitarian reasons, and for other purposes.

Whereas Mr. Edmond Pope of State College, Pennsylvania, is a husband, father, grandfather, son, and United States businessman;

Whereas Edmond Pope has visited the Russian Federation 27 times in order to foster better business and university-based research relationships;

Whereas Edmond Pope traveled to the Russian Federation in late March 2000 in order to purchase commercially advertised underwater propulsion technology, as stated in his visa approved by the Government of the Russian Federation;

Whereas Edmond Pope was arrested on April 3, 2000, in Moscow, imprisoned in Lefortovo, and charged with espionage;

Whereas the Russian who allegedly committed an act of treason by aiding Edmond Pope was released and has been living with his family;

Whereas Edmond Pope has been treated for hemangiopericytoma, a rare form of cancer, that was in remission prior to his travel;

Whereas Edmond Pope's father is dying of multiple myeloma, a type of bone cancer that can be hereditary;

Whereas Edmond Pope should receive routine medical care by a qualified, trained professional in order to monitor the possibility of a recurrence of cancer due to his high-risk potential;

Whereas Edmond Pope has missed his annual monitoring visit resulting in a 14 month lapse since his last visit;

Whereas Edmond Pope's prison conditions have caused a dramatic loss in weight and his physical stature has deteriorated;

Whereas Edmond Pope has been denied the basic human right of proper medical attention deserving of an individual in his condition;

Whereas two Americans have died in the past few months within prisons in the Russian Federation and another individual has recently died in Lefortovo;

Whereas Edmond Pope has been unjustly arrested and detained for more than 5 months, preventing him from celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary and the marriage of his son, and during which time his mother-in-law passed away;

Whereas recent events have shown that trials in the Russian Federation involving alleged violations in the area of national security can take several years;

Whereas it is unlikely that Edmond Pope would survive a lengthy trial; and

Whereas United States business and academic interests with the Russian Federation are beginning to be detrimentally impacted by this event: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) the Congress calls on the Russian Federa-
4 tion, under the leadership of President Vladimir
5 Putin, to immediately release Mr. Edmond Pope of

1 State College, Pennsylvania, and to ensure that
2 proper and qualified medical attention is provided to
3 him in order to ensure that another loss of life does
4 not occur in a prison in the Russian Federation;

5 (2) it is the sense of Congress that if Edmond
6 Pope is not released immediately the President
7 should continue all efforts afforded to the adminis-
8 tration to secure his release, including the consider-
9 ation of—

10 (A) terminating all assistance to the Gov-
11 ernment of the Russian Federation under the
12 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the annual
13 Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Re-
14 lated Programs Appropriations Act for purposes
15 of preparing the Russian Federation’s entrance
16 or accession to the World Trade Organization
17 (WTO); and

18 (B) opposing any further debt relief of ob-
19 ligations owed to the United States Government
20 from the Government of the Russian Federa-
21 tion; and

22 (3) the President should increase efforts to se-
23 cure appropriate medical attention for Edmond
24 Pope.

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