

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 680

To urge the resolution of claims related to the confiscation of certain property  
by the Government of Italy.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2004

Mr. GIBBONS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

To urge the resolution of claims related to the confiscation  
of certain property by the Government of Italy.

Whereas the Government of the Italian Republic confiscated  
the property of Mr. Pier Talenti, a citizen of the United  
States, and has failed to compensate Mr. Talenti for that  
property;

Whereas the Government of Italy has an obligation under the  
Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, signed  
at Rome February 2, 1948 (63 Stat. 2255) between the  
United States and the Italian Republic to provide com-  
pensation to Mr. Talenti for the confiscated property;

Whereas the failure of the Government of Italy to compensate  
Mr. Talenti runs counter to such Government's treaty ob-  
ligations and to accepted international standards;

Whereas section 1611 of H.R. 1757, 105th Congress, as passed by the Senate on June 17, 1997, expressed the sense of Congress that the “Italian Republic must honor its Treaty obligations with regard to the confiscated property of Mr. Pier Talenti by negotiating a prompt resolution of Mr. Talenti’s case, and that the Department of State should continue to press the Italian government to resolve Mr. Talenti’s claim.”; and

Whereas Mr. Talenti has exhausted all legal remedies available to him under the Italian judicial system and has not received “just and effective compensation” for the confiscated property from the Government of Italy as required under the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) the Government of Italy should—

4                       (A) fulfill the requirements of the Treaty  
5                       of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation  
6                       signed at Rome February 2, 1948 (63 Stat.  
7                       2255) between the United States and the  
8                       Italian Republic with respect to the property of  
9                       Mr. Pier Talenti which was confiscated by such  
10                      Government; and

11                     (B) make reasonable efforts to effect a  
12                     prompt resolution of Mr. Talenti’s claims under  
13                     such Treaty; and

14               (2) the Secretary of State should—

1           (A) continue to press the Government of  
2 Italy to resolve Mr. Talenti's claims; and

3           (B) take any further measures, including  
4 all appropriate diplomatic initiatives, that the  
5 Secretary determines could assist Mr. Talenti in  
6 receiving such compensation from the Govern-  
7 ment of Italy.

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