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1ST SESSION

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To urge the Government of the Republic of Armenia to resolve the murder case of Joshua Haglund, a United States citizen, in Yerevan, Armenia, and to fund scholarships at the University of Minnesota in the memory of Joshua Haglund for study abroad and diversity training.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Joshua Haglund Jus-
5 tice and Peace Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On May 17, 2004, Joshua Haglund, a resi-
4 dent of Shoreview, Minnesota, was brutally mur-
5 dered at the age of 33 in Yerevan, Armenia, where
6 he was teaching English at the Valeri Brusov
7 Yerevan State Linguistic University as part of the
8 Department of State-sponsored English Language
9 Fellows Program.

10 (2) Joshua Haglund was a graduate of the Uni-
11 versity of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and earned a
12 Master's of Education degree from the University of
13 Toronto in Second Language Education.

14 (3) Joshua Haglund dedicated his life to cross-
15 cultural understanding, becoming an educator who
16 invested his energy and commitment to students in
17 the United States, Japan, India, Puerto Rico, Thai-
18 land, and Armenia.

19 (4) The murder of Joshua Haglund in Yerevan,
20 Armenia, remains unresolved despite an ongoing
21 criminal investigation by Armenian authorities, the
22 support of the United States Embassy in Yerevan,
23 and the tireless efforts of the Haglund family to
24 pursue justice.

25 (5) The United States Embassy in Armenia
26 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to

1 monitor the investigation into the murder of Joshua
2 Haglund, and have encouraged Armenian authorities
3 to identify, arrest, and convict the perpetrator of
4 this heinous crime.

5 (6) In honor of Joshua Haglund’s life and to
6 continue his legacy of opportunity, hope, and friend-
7 ship through global education and cross-cultural un-
8 derstanding, his family and friends have established
9 the Joshua Haglund Memorial Peace Scholarship
10 Fund at the University of Minnesota.

11 **SEC. 3. STATEMENTS OF CONGRESS.**

12 Congress—

13 (1) urges the Secretary of State to express to
14 the appropriate representatives of the Government of
15 the Republic of Armenia the serious concern and
16 strong desire of Congress to achieve justice in the
17 unresolved murder of Joshua Haglund; and

18 (2) calls on the Government of the Republic of
19 Armenia to continue pursuing the investigation into
20 the death of Joshua Haglund, in cooperation with
21 United States Government officials, and to use all
22 appropriate means to achieve justice in the death of
23 Joshua Haglund.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

2 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to
4 Congress a report on the status of the investigation into
5 the death of Joshua Haglund.

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
8 retary of Education \$250,000 for fiscal year 2008 to fund
9 the Joshua Haglund Memorial Peace Scholarship Fund at
10 the University of Minnesota for the purpose of funding
11 study abroad scholarships and diversity training to further
12 encourage Joshua Haglund's vision of compassion, peace,
13 and community service.

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