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# H. RES. 155

Condemning the assassination of human rights advocate and outspoken defender of freedom of the press, Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink on January 19, 2007.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Mr. CROWLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Condemning the assassination of human rights advocate and outspoken defender of freedom of the press, Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink on January 19, 2007.

Whereas, on January 19, 2007, Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink was murdered as he exited the Istanbul, Turkey, office of Agos Newspaper;

Whereas Hrant Dink was a fierce defender of the freedom of the press and speech, an outspoken advocate for democratic reform, and a champion of human rights and tolerance;

Whereas Hrant Dink was a man of conviction and principle who believed in democratic ideals and peaceful change;

Whereas, in Istanbul in 1996, Hrant Dink founded a bilingual newspaper called *Agos*, in part to foster dialogue and understanding between Armenians and Turks;

Whereas Hrant Dink was honored by his media colleagues around the world for his courage and principles and was awarded the prestigious Bjornson Prize for Literature for his publications;

Whereas Hrant Dink was prosecuted and convicted under Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code; and

Whereas the United States was founded on the principles of democracy and liberty where freedom of expression is cherished and protected: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) strongly condemns and deplors the assassination of Hrant Dink;

3               (2) urges the Government of Turkey to continue its investigation and prosecution of those individuals responsible for the murder of Hrant Dink;

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10              Turkey by repealing Article 301 of the Turkish

11              Penal Code and by unswervingly opposing intolerance, intimidation, and violence against individuals

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13              who are exercising their natural right of freedom of

14              speech.

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