

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, as part of the observance of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America, there shall be prepared a volume describing works of art honoring Christopher Columbus, as displayed, both permanently and in special exhibits, in the Capitol and at other locations within the Capitol grounds. The volume shall—

- (1) be entitled "Columbus in the Capitol";
- (2) contain descriptions and illustrations of such works of art; and
- (3) be prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, with the assistance of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol and such other congressional entities as the Joint Committee may require.

SEC. 2. During the year 1992, the Architect of the Capitol shall carry out a program of special exhibits of works of art honoring Christopher Columbus.

Agreed to April 4, 1990.

ADJOURNMENT—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE

Apr. 4, 1990
[H. Con. Res. 299]

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on Wednesday, April 4, 1990, it stand adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian on Wednesday, April 18, 1990, or until 12 o'clock meridian on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, April 5, 1990, or on Friday, April 6, 1990, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, it stand in recess or stand adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian, or until such time as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to adjourn or recess, on Wednesday, April 18, 1990, or until 12 o'clock meridian on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

Agreed to April 4, 1990.

BAHA'I FAITH—IRANIAN PERSECUTION

May 15, 1990
[H. Con. Res. 87]

Whereas in 1982, 1984, and 1988, the Congress, by concurrent resolution, declared that it holds the Government of Iran responsible for upholding the rights of all its nationals, including members of the Baha'i Faith, Iran's largest religious minority;

Whereas in such resolutions and in numerous other appeals, the Congress condemned the Iranian Government's persecution of

Baha'is, including the execution of more than 200 Baha'is and the imprisonment of additional thousands on account of their religious beliefs;

Whereas the Congress has urged the President to work with other governments and with the United Nations in support of the rights of Iranian Baha'is;

Whereas recent reports indicate a decline in the numbers of Baha'is executed or imprisoned in Iran and the restoration of some confiscated business and personal properties; and

Whereas, despite such actions affecting individual Baha'is, the Government of Iran continues to deny the Baha'i community the right to organize, select its leaders, acquire and maintain places of worship or assembly, operate religious schools, and conduct other religious activities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) continues to hold the Government of Iran responsible for upholding the rights of all its nationals, including Baha'is, in a manner consistent with that Government's obligations under international law which guarantee the civil and political rights of its citizens;

(2) acknowledges reports of recent improvements in the treatment of individual Baha'is, including a decline in the number of executions and the release of many Baha'is imprisoned on religious charges;

(3) expresses concern that the Baha'i community as a whole remains an oppressed minority which is denied legal recognition and internationally recognized rights which would permit Baha'is to organize, hold property, operate religious schools, and conduct the normal activities of a peaceful law-abiding religious community;

(4) urges the Government of Iran to extend to the Baha'i community the rights guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant human rights accords, including freedom of thought, conscience and religion, education, and equal protection of the law; and

(5) calls upon the President to continue—

(A) to emphasize the need for improvements in the Government of Iran's human rights practices, particularly Iran's treatment of Baha'is and other religious minorities, as an important factor in the development of the United States Government's relations with the Government of Iran;

(B) to encourage other governments to continue to appeal to the Government of Iran concerning the situation of the Baha'is;

(C) to cooperate with other governments and international organizations in joint appeals and to initiate and support actions by the United Nations and its agencies to promote the protection of the religious rights of Baha'is; and

(D) to provide, and to urge others to provide, for refugee and humanitarian assistance for those Baha'is who flee their homelands on account of religious repression.

Agreed to May 15, 1990.