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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 18, 2014

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the President of the United States and Congress to work 2 to secure the release of Meriam Ibrahim.
- 3 WHEREAS, Under Sudanese law, a Muslim who publicly adopts
- 4 another religion commits apostasy and is subject to the death
- 5 penalty; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Doctor Meriam Ibrahim, a Sudanese woman who is not a
- 7 Muslim and who is married to Daniel Wani, an American citizen,
- 8 has been sentenced to death for apostasy in Sudan; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The two children of Mr. Wani and Doctor Ibrahim, 20-
- 10 month old Martin and newly born Maya, who are American citizens
- 11 pending proper documentation, are in prison with Doctor Ibrahim,
- 12 awaiting her execution in two years; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The arrest, trial and sentencing of Doctor Ibrahim
- 14 and the imprisonment of the doctor and her children are
- 15 barbarous actions not worthy of any government or any society;
- 16 and

- 1 WHEREAS, Diplomatic efforts are being made to secure the
- 2 release of Doctor Ibrahim and her children; and
- 3 WHEREAS, These diplomatic efforts may not succeed; therefore
- 4 be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urge the President of the
- 6 United States to supplement diplomatic efforts for the release
- 7 of Doctor Ibrahim and her children with an immediate executive
- 8 order suspending foreign aid to Sudan until the release of
- 9 Doctor Ibrahim and her children and with potential economic
- 10 sanctions such as seizure of assets; and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urge Congress to
- 12 supplement diplomatic efforts for the release of Doctor Ibrahim
- 13 and her children by taking appropriate legislative action to
- 14 repeal or suspend foreign aid to Sudan and by taking appropriate
- 15 legislative action to support potential economic sanctions; and
- 16 be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 18 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
- 19 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
- 20 Pennsylvania.