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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the persecution of Christians worldwide and calling  
2 on world leaders to implement policies that protect the  
3 religious liberty of Christians and all other faiths within  
4 their borders.

5 WHEREAS, Persecution comes in many forms, including  
6 discrimination, loss of basic fundamental rights, violence,  
7 torture and execution; and

8 WHEREAS, Christians are currently being persecuted in over 50  
9 countries for their faith; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Commission on International  
11 Religious Freedom finds systematic persecution of religious  
12 minorities, which includes many Christians, to be a global  
13 problem that is not contained in any one specific region of the  
14 world; and

15 WHEREAS, In Belarus, government regulation of religious  
16 communities has restricted the ability of Christians to worship  
17 freely; and

1       WHEREAS, In Cuba, pastors have been harassed and detained for  
2 preaching publicly; and

3       WHEREAS, In China, church buildings are demolished and  
4 publicly displayed crosses are removed by government officials;  
5 and

6       WHEREAS, In North Korea, approximately 50,000 to 70,000  
7 Christians are being tortured in prison camps; and

8       WHEREAS, In Burma, Christians are subjected to extrajudicial  
9 killings, sexual violence and forced labor; and

10       WHEREAS, In Egypt, Christian-owned homes, businesses and  
11 churches have been subject to violence and vandalism, causing  
12 Christian families to abandon their homes; and

13       WHEREAS, In Iran, Christian converts face severe  
14 discrimination, arbitrary arrests, executions and extrajudicial  
15 killings; and

16       WHEREAS, In Sudan, blasphemy laws target Christians across  
17 the nation, with Christians being sentenced to death for  
18 refusing to renounce their faith; therefore be it

19       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn the  
20 global persecution of Christians and call on world leaders to  
21 implement policies that protect the religious liberty of  
22 Christians and all other faiths within their borders.