

## RESOLUTION

### **Urging the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Immediately and Unconditionally Release Sarah Shourd, Joshua Fattal, and Shane Bauer on Humanitarian Grounds**

Whereas on July 31, 2009, Sarah Shourd, Josh Fattal, and Shane Bauer were taken into custody by Iranian officials after they may have inadvertently crossed the poorly marked Iranian border while hiking in the Kurdistan region of Iraq;

Whereas Sarah, Josh, and Shane have been held since last year in Evin prison in Tehran;

Whereas the amount of time Sarah, Josh and Shane have spent in prison is unjustified in relation to their alleged offense of illegal entry into Iran;

Whereas during the period of their detention, Sarah, Josh, and Shane have only been afforded the opportunity to see their families during a brief visit in May;

Whereas according to their families, Sarah and Shane may be suffering from potentially serious health problems;

Whereas the families of Sarah, Josh and Shane have suffered greatly in the absence of their loved ones;

Whereas July 31, 2010 will mark the one-year anniversary of their detention;

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, That Congress—

- (1) recognizes that Sarah Shourd, Joshua Fattal, and Shane Bauer have been held in custody in Iran for one year; and
- (2) urges the Government of Iran to immediately and unconditionally release Sarah Shourd, Joshua Fattal, and Shane Bauer, on humanitarian grounds and allow them to reunite with their families in the United States