

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H.Res. 193 with
Amendments**

**(The amendments consist of a new preamble, a substitute text, and
an amendment to the title)**

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 193

Calling on the new Government of Egypt to honor the rule of law and
immediately return Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) sub-
mitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on
Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Calling on the new Government of Egypt to honor the rule
of law and immediately return Noor and Ramsay Bower
to the United States.

Whereas Colin Bower's 2 young sons, Noor and Ramsay
Bower, were illegally abducted from the United States by
their mother in August 2009 and taken to Egypt;

Whereas Noor William Noble Bower, age 11, and Ramsay
Maclean Bower, age 9, are citizens of the United States
of America;

Whereas, on December 1, 2008, prior to the abduction of
Noor and Ramsay, the Probate and Family Court of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts awarded sole legal custody of Noor and Ramsay to Colin Bower, and joint physical custody with Mirvat el Nady, which ruling stipulated Mirvat el Nady was not to remove Noor and Ramsay from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Whereas, in August of 2009, following a violation of the Probate Court's ruling, the Massachusetts Trial Court granted sole physical custody of Noor and Ramsay to their father, Colin Bower;

Whereas Colin Bower has been granted only 4 visitations with his sons in the more than 3 years since the abduction;

Whereas the United States has expressed its commitment, through the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, done at the Hague October 25, 1980, "to protect children internationally from the harmful effects of their wrongful removal or retention and to establish procedures to ensure their prompt return to the State of their habitual residence"; and

Whereas the United States and 69 other countries that are partners to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction have agreed, and encourage all other countries to concur, that the appropriate court for determining the best interests of children in custody matters is the court in the country of their habitual residence: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives calls on
- 2 government officials and competent courts in Egypt to as-
- 3 sist in the safe and immediate return of Noor and Ramsay
- 4 Bower to the United States.

Amend the title so as to read: “Calling for the safe and immediate return of Noor and Ramsay Bower to the United States.”.