

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.RES. 435
OFFERED BY MS. ROS-LEHTINEN OF FLORIDA**

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas United States citizen Robert Levinson is a retired agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a resident of Coral Springs, Florida, the husband of Christine Levinson, and father of their 7 children;

Whereas Robert Levinson traveled from Dubai to Kish Island, Iran, on March 8, 2007;

Whereas after traveling to Kish Island and checking into the Hotel Maryam, Robert Levinson disappeared on March 9, 2007;

Whereas in December 2007, Robert Levinson's wife, Christine, traveled to Kish Island to retrace Mr. Levinson's steps and met with officials of the Government of Iran who pledged to help in the investigation;

Whereas for more than 7 years, the United States Government has continually pressed the Government of Iran to provide any information on the whereabouts of Robert Levinson and to help ensure his prompt and safe return to his family;

Whereas officials of the Government of Iran promised their continued assistance to the relatives of Robert Levinson during the visit of the family to the Islamic Republic of Iran in December 2007;

Whereas in November 2010, the Levinson family received a video of Mr. Levinson in captivity, representing the first proof of life since his disappearance and providing some initial indications that he was being held somewhere in southwest Asia;

Whereas in April 2011, the Levinson family received a series of pictures of Mr. Levinson, which provided further indications that he was being held somewhere in southwest Asia;

Whereas Secretary John Kerry stated on August 28, 2013, “The United States respectfully asks the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to work cooperatively with us in our efforts to help U.S. citizen Robert Levinson.”;

Whereas on September 28, 2013, during the first direct phone conversation between the leaders of the United States and Iran since 1979, President Barack Obama raised the case of Robert Levinson to Hassan Rouhani and urged him to help locate Mr. Levinson and reunite him with his family;

Whereas November 26, 2013, marked the 2,455th day since Mr. Levinson’s disappearance, making him one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation’s history; and

Whereas the FBI has announced a \$1,000,000 reward for information leading to Mr. Levinson’s safe return: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes that Robert Levinson is one of
2 the longest held United States civilians in our Na-
3 tion's history;

4 (2) notes renewed pledges by officials of the
5 Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to pro-
6 vide their assistance in the case of Robert Levinson;

7 (3) urges the Government of Iran, as a humani-
8 tarian gesture, to intensify its cooperation on the
9 case of Robert Levinson and to immediately share
10 the results of its investigation into the disappearance
11 of Robert Levinson with the United States Govern-
12 ment;

13 (4) urges the President and the allies of the
14 United States to continue to raise with officials of
15 the Government of Iran the case of Robert Levinson
16 at every opportunity; and

17 (5) expresses compassion to the family of Rob-
18 ert Levinson for their anguish and expresses hope
19 that their ordeal can be brought to a positive resolu-
20 tion in the near future.

Amend the title so as to read: "A resolution urging the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history."

