

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 591

Supporting the goals and ideals of Cambodian-American Freedom Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2007

Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WU, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. COBLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Cambodian-American Freedom Day.

Whereas in March 1970 approximately seven million Cambodians were living under conflict between the Khmer Republic and the Kampuchean (Khmer Rouge) Communist Party;

Whereas between April 1975 and January 1979, Cambodians were living under the communist regime of the Khmer Rouge Communist Party which committed acts of genocide, and as a result, at least two million Cambodians lost their lives;

Whereas on May 23, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed into law the Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance

Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-23), granting Southeast Asian refugees the right to settle in the United States;

Whereas the Khmer Rouge communist regime was overthrown on January 7, 1979, by the communist group of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, which was backed by Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Cambodians fled Cambodia to refugee camps throughout Southeast Asia, and Cambodians made their way to communities across the United States between 1975 and 1999;

Whereas according to the United States Census 2000, there are approximately 206,000 Cambodians currently living in the United States;

Whereas despite their tremendous loss of freedom to the communist regimes, Cambodians and Cambodian-Americans have shown courage and resiliency while at the same time remembering and honoring both their traditional culture and traumatic past; and

Whereas it is important to recognize the positive contributions of Cambodian-Americans to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2                (1) supports the goals and ideals of Cambodian-American Freedom Day;

4                (2) honors and recognizes the 32nd anniversary  
5                of the arrival of the first Cambodian immigrants to  
6                the United States; and

