

**Suspend the Rules and Agree to the Resolution, H. Res. 14, With
Amendments**

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

111ST CONGRESS
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H. RES. 14

Recognizing the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. ISSA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions.

Whereas human smuggling and trafficking in persons continue to threaten the United States as well as individuals in transport;

Whereas human smuggling and trafficking rings introduce numerous violent criminals to neighborhoods and communities in the United States;

Whereas human smuggling and trafficking rings expose the United States to further acts of terrorism by subverting the authority of, and safety provided by, the Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

Whereas individuals voluntarily being smuggled are exposed to tragic and dangerous conditions, many times resulting in their injury or death;

Whereas countless individuals are abducted and trafficked against their will, continuing the grotesque practice of human slavery;

Whereas human smuggling and trafficking in persons are often conducted by organized crime rings, which expose Federal agents to increased danger in their enforcement efforts;

Whereas Department of Homeland Security personnel have, in the past, arrested many human smugglers and traffickers in persons, only to see them freed without prosecution;

Whereas many of these same human smugglers and traffickers in persons have been repeatedly arrested;

Whereas such repeated encounters have been extremely demoralizing to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Border Patrol at a time when the American public has been putting tremendous pressure on the agencies to do more to stop illegal border crossings;

Whereas Federal prosecutions of human smugglers and traffickers in persons have increased in recent months, re-

sulting in decreased repeat offenses and arrests and improved morale;

Whereas U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement uses a global enforcement strategy to disrupt and dismantle domestic and international human smuggling and trafficking organizations;

Whereas the Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection have worked cooperatively with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and local nonprofit service providers to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking and modern slavery and to ensure their safety and continued presence in the United States pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000; and

Whereas the 110th Congress of the United States unanimously adopted the bipartisan William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, providing the Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and their law enforcement partners with new tools to bring human traffickers to justice and new responsibilities to identify and protect victims of modern slavery and at-risk unaccompanied alien children: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms its support for the role and impor-
3 tance of the Department of Homeland Security in
4 combating human smuggling and trafficking in per-
5 sons;

1 (2) commends the Department of Justice for
2 increasing the rate of prosecutions against human
3 smugglers and traffickers in persons; and

4 (3) urges the Department of Justice to continue
5 prosecuting smugglers and traffickers at a rate that
6 will help eliminate the trade in human beings.

Amend the title so as to read: “Resolution recognizing the importance of the Department of Homeland Security, including the Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in combating human smuggling and trafficking in persons, and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggling and trafficking prosecutions.”.