

RESOLUTION 19 — H.F.No. 1800

A resolution memorializing Congress and the President to continue their efforts to halt the persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran.

WHEREAS, the Baha'i community in Iran is experiencing persecution, harassment, the disappearances of family members, job discrimination, seizure of bank funds, destruction of personal property, and torture; and

WHEREAS, current reports show that over 100 Baha'is and Baha'i religious leaders have been executed by the government of Iran; and

WHEREAS, the continued harassment and murder of Baha'is demonstrates that the government of Iran has launched a conscious effort to destroy the Baha'i community; and

WHEREAS, both the United States government and the United Nations Human Rights Commission have protested the persistent violations of human rights directed against the Baha'i community by the Iranian authorities; and

WHEREAS, the government of Iran has outlawed the administrative institutions of the Baha'i faith in Iran and continued to severely persecute its adherents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it condemns the persecution of the Baha'is and urges the Congress and the President of the United States to continue their efforts to halt the persecution of the Baha'i community in Iran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved April 25, 1984

RESOLUTION 20 — S.F.No. 2164

A resolution memorializing Congress to enact H.R. 5081, the Fair Trade in Steel Act of 1984.

WHEREAS, the American steel industry has engaged in extraordinary self-help efforts, including the commitment of billions of dollars to modernization and the reduction of employment costs; and

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

Minnesota Senators and Representatives in Congress, to the Premiers of Manitoba and Ontario and to the Ambassador of Canada to the United States.

Approved April 25, 1984

RESOLUTION 18 — H.F.No. 2134

A resolution memorializing the governments of the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany that the State of Minnesota adopts the Land of Bayern as a sister state.

WHEREAS, the Land of Bavaria is similar to the State of Minnesota in its orientation toward agriculture and industry; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Bavaria is renowned for its forests and recreational opportunities as is the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, both Bavaria and Minnesota are rich in educational institutions and cultural life; and

WHEREAS, both Bavaria and Minnesota have free and vigorous democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Minnesota directly trace their family roots to Bavaria; and

WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between the Land of Bavaria and the State of Minnesota will establish greater cooperation and understanding between the people of Bavaria and this state; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it declares that the Land of Bayern, known in English as Bavaria, of the Federal Republic of Germany is the sister state of Minnesota. It invites the people and government of Bayern to work with Minnesotans to establish mutually beneficial social, economic, educational, and cultural programs to bring our respective citizens together and strengthen international understanding and goodwill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare certified copies of this resolution and forward them to the President and Secretary of State of the United States, the President and Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, to appropriate officials of the Land of Bayern, and the Minister-President of Bayern:

Approved April 25, 1984

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.