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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2015

Mr. ROHRABACHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL FINDING.**

4 Congress finds that the Government of Iran is un-
5 justly holding at least three United States citizens, Jason

1 Rezaian, Saeed Abedini, and Amir Hekmati, and possibly
2 Robert Levinson, as hostages.

3 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO DETAIN NON-DIPLOMATIC OFFI-**
4 **CIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, the President is authorized to take such ac-
7 tions as may be necessary to detain—

8 (1) non-diplomatic officials of the Government
9 of Iran in the United States; and

10 (2) non-diplomatic officials of the Government
11 of Iran in any other country if the government of
12 such country provides authority in advance to the
13 United States to take such actions to detain such of-
14 ficials in such country.

15 (b) SUNSET.—The authority of subsection (a) shall
16 expire on the date on which the United States citizens de-
17 scribed in section 1 have been released and returned to
18 the United States or the date on which the Government
19 of Iran provides to the United States Government a full
20 accounting of the whereabouts of Robert Levinson, which-
21 ever occurs later.

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