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H. RES. 1012

Condemning the treatment of Dr. Gubad Ibadoghlu by the Government of Azerbaijan and urging his immediate release, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROUZER (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. TITUS, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MOULTON, and Mr. ALLRED) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Dr. Gubad Ibadoghlu, a respected academic and economist, and his wife were arrested by Azerbaijani authorities on July 23, 2023, and severely beaten while in police custody;

Whereas Dr. Ibadoghlu was dubiously accused by Azerbaijani authorities of multiple criminal acts without evidence;

Whereas Dr. Ibadoghlu remains imprisoned at the Baku Detention Center in extremely poor conditions while awaiting trial;

Whereas Dr. Ibadoghlu's health continues to deteriorate significantly since his initial arrest, and he has not received adequate medical treatment for his conditions;

Whereas Dr. Ibadoghlu has been repeatedly denied access to his legal counsel and a fair trial while in custody;

Whereas the Department of State and the United States Embassy in Baku, alongside United States academic institutions and organizations in the international community, have expressed deep concerns regarding Dr. Ibadoghlu's health and have demanded his immediate release; and

Whereas the wrongful detention of Dr. Ibadoghlu is a serious affront to human rights and academic freedom: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the treatment of Dr. Ibadoghlu
3 by the Government of Azerbaijan, their practice of
4 wrongful detention, and their suppression of aca-
5 demic freedom;

6 (2) calls for Dr. Ibadoghlu's immediate and un-
7 conditional release; and

8 (3) urges the Secretary of State to continue
9 prioritizing Dr. Ibadoghlu's well-being and release in
10 all engagements with the Government of Azerbaijan.

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