

who was so admired by his family, community and the Vermont State Police force.

National Peace Officers Memorial Day will provide the people of the United States with the opportunity to honor the extraordinary service and sacrifice given year after year by our police forces. More than 15,000 peace officers are expected to gather in Washington to join with the families of their fallen comrades who, by their last full measure of devotion to their responsibilities and the right and security of their fellow citizens, have rendered a dedicated service to our Nation. I look forward to passage of this important resolution, a fitting tribute for this special and solemn occasion.

SENATE RESOLUTION 311—CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE FATHER THADEUS NGUYEN VAN LY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

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Whereas, in February 2001, Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly, a Roman Catholic priest, was formally invited to testify before the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom but was denied permission to leave the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and thus, instead, submitted written testimony critical of the Government of Vietnam, which was read into the Commission record on February 13, 2001;

Whereas Father Ly's testimony before the Commission documents numerous specific actions of the Government of Vietnam against religious freedom that he classified as collectively being "extremely cruel" and requiring a "non-violent and persistent campaign" to achieve full religious freedom for all people in Vietnam;

Whereas Father Ly has been detained by the Government of Vietnam since February 2001, when the Government placed him under administrative detention, and, as a direct response to his testimony, branded him a traitor for "slandering" the Communist party and "distorting" the religious policy of the government;

Whereas the Government of Vietnam issued a second decree suspending Father Ly's ability to "carry on any religious responsibility and functions" and later formally removed Father Ly from his church, detained him, and denied him access to legal counsel;

Whereas, on October 19 2001, the Thua Thien Hue Provincial People's Court convicted Father Ly of all charges after a one-day, closed trial without the benefit of counsel and sentenced him to 2 years in prison for violating the terms of his administrative detention, 13 years in prison for, "damaging the Government's unity policy," and 5 years of administrative probation upon release from prison;

Whereas, after pleas from United States Government officials and the world community, Father Ly's sentence was reduced by 5 years;

Whereas, in June 2001, Father Ly's nephews Nguyen Vu Viet, age 27, and Nguyen Truc Cuong, age 36, and his niece Nguyen Thi Hoa, age 44, were arrested for allegedly being in

contact and receiving support from "reactionary" organizations in the United States concerning the religious situation in Vietnam and disseminating information concerning the detention of Father Ly;

Whereas after their cases generated much concern in Congress, Nguyen Thi Hoa, Nguyen Vu Viet, and Nguyen Truc Cuong all have been released;

Whereas, on November 27, 2003, the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention issued Opinion No. 20/2003 stating that "the Group is convinced that [Father Ly] has been arrested and detained only for his opinions . . . [and] the deprivation of the liberty of Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly is arbitrary, as being in contravention of Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights";

Whereas Father Ly has been deprived of his basic human rights by being denied his ability to exercise freedom of opinion and expression; and

Whereas the arbitrary imprisonment and the violation of the human rights of citizens of Vietnam are sources of continuing, grave concern to the Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) condemns and deplors the arbitrary detention of Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and calls for his immediate and unconditional release;

(B) condemns and deplors the violations of freedom of speech, religion, movement, association, and the lack of due process afforded to individuals in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

(C) strongly urges the Government of Vietnam to consider the implications of its actions for the broader relationship between the United States and Vietnam; and

(D) strongly urges the Government of Vietnam to consider the implications of its actions in the context of the United States-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement, under which Vietnam currently receives Normal Trade Relations (NTR) status subject to chapter 1 of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (commonly known as the "Jackson-Vanik Amendment"); and

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that the United States should—

(A) make the immediate release of Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly a top concern;

(B) make it clear to the Government of Vietnam that it is not in the Government's interest to detain Father Ly and others like him for political or religious reasons or to inflict human rights violations on such people or groups because such actions create obstacles to improved bilateral relations and cooperation with the United States; and

(C) reiterate the deep concern of the United States regarding the continued imprisonment of Father Ly and other persons whose human rights are being violated and discuss the legal status and immediate humanitarian needs of such people with the Government of Vietnam.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2676. Mr. DASCHLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2677. Mr. DASCHLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2678. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 671, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

SA 2679. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2680. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. FRIST) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2660 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. FEINGOLD) to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2681. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2682. Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2683. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2684. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2685. Mr. THOMAS (for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. WARNER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2660 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. FEINGOLD) to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2686. Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2687. Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. DORGAN)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2686 proposed by Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2688. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2689. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2690. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2691. Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.