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House Resolution

A resolution condemning the persecution of Christians in Nigeria and supporting Nigeria's redesignation as a Country of Particular Concern.

WHEREAS, Nigeria is experiencing the highest levels of violence against Christians in the world since Boko Haram's insurgency began in 2009, and

WHEREAS, according to the International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law, since 2009 approximately 52,250 Christians have been brutally murdered in Nigeria, more than anywhere else in the world, and more than 19,000 churches have been attacked or destroyed, and

WHEREAS, estimates indicate that between 50,000 and 100,000 Christians have been martyred for their faith since 2009, with more than 7,000 Christians killed in 2025, an average of 35 per day, and

WHEREAS, Boko Haram, the Islamic State West Africa Province, and Fulani militants have systematically targeted Christian communities through massacres, church burnings, kidnappings, and sexual violence, leaving villages destroyed and millions displaced, and

WHEREAS, more than 5 million Christians have been displaced and forced into Internally Displaced Person or refugee camps in Nigeria, and

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26 WHEREAS, some reports describe the violence as amounting to
27 a targeted persecution of Christians, with higher risk for
28 Christian civilians relative to other religious groups, and

29 WHEREAS, the United States Commission on International
30 Religious Freedom has recommended Nigeria's redesignation as a
31 Country of Particular Concern every year since 2009, citing
32 ongoing, egregious, and systematic violations of religious
33 freedom, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 Florida:

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38 That the Florida House of Representatives condemns the
39 persecution of Christians in Nigeria and supports Nigeria's
40 redesignation as a Country of Particular Concern.