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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution condemning the persecution of Christians  
3 in Nigeria and supporting Nigeria's redesignation as a  
4 Country of Particular Concern.5  
6 WHEREAS, Nigeria is experiencing the highest levels of  
7 violence against Christians in the world since Boko Haram's  
8 insurgency began in 2009, and9 WHEREAS, according to the International Society for Civil  
10 Liberties and Rule of Law, since 2009 approximately 52,250  
11 Christians have been brutally murdered in Nigeria, more than  
12 anywhere else in the world, and more than 19,000 churches have  
13 been attacked or destroyed, and14 WHEREAS, estimates indicate that between 50,000 and 100,000  
15 Christians have been martyred for their faith since 2009, with  
16 more than 7,000 Christians killed in 2025, an average of 35 per  
17 day, and18 WHEREAS, Boko Haram, the Islamic State West Africa  
19 Province, and Fulani militants have systematically targeted  
20 Christian communities through massacres, church burnings,  
21 kidnappings, and sexual violence, leaving villages destroyed and  
22 millions displaced, and23 WHEREAS, more than 5 million Christians have been displaced  
24 and forced into Internally Displaced Person or refugee camps in  
25 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.