

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Condemning the Government of Iran for its violence against demonstrators and calling for peaceful resolution to the concerns of the citizens of Iran.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Condemning the Government of Iran for its violence against demonstrators and calling for peaceful resolution to the concerns of the citizens of Iran.

Whereas on December 28, 2017, citizens began protesting the Government of Iran across the country in the cities and towns of Dorud, Khomaini Shahr, Najafabad, Qahdarijan, Tehran, and Tuyserkan;

Whereas so far 20 people have been killed and 450 have been arrested since demonstrations first began;

Whereas the United States is committed to promoting universal human rights, specifically freedom of speech and freedom of assembly;

Whereas the Government of Iran has provided monetary support to terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah and Hamas; and

Whereas the citizens of Iran deserve the support of the international community in their pursuit of a democratic government that respects human rights and freedoms: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns the Government of Iran—

3 (A) for its funding of terrorist organiza-
4 tions and activities;

5 (B) the continued oppression of its citi-
6 zens; and

7 (C) the suppression of communication
8 through interference with internet applications
9 such as Instagram, Facebook, Telegram and
10 Twitter; and

11 (2) reaffirms—

12 (A) the commitment of the United States
13 to preserving and promoting the freedoms of
14 speech and assembly as universal rights; and

15 (B) the support of the United States for
16 the citizens of Iran to establish a freely elected,
17 democratic system.