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Expressing concern over the reported persecution of members of the Baha'i religious community in Iran.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS there have been numerous recent reports in the news media of mob attacks directed at Baha'i believers throughout Iran; and

WHEREAS these news reports indicate that hundreds of homes, shops, and business enterprises owned by Baha'is, together with many of their religious centers, have been looted, burned or otherwise destroyed as a direct result of these attacks; and

WHEREAS members of the Baha'i religious minority in Iran have in the past been the objects of widespread discrimination; and

WHEREAS this ongoing persecution of members of the Baha'i faith in the land of its origin causes much distress amongst Baha'is belonging to their 58 local Spiritual Assemblies located throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS all Alaskans, regardless of religious persuasion, deplore religious persecution or intolerance wherever it exists and share and sympathize with the concern of Alaskan Baha'is on the current situation confronting members of the Baha'i faith in Iran;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Senate that it expresses its concern over the reported persecution of members of the Baha'i religious community in Iran; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States government is urged to use its best efforts to put an end to both religious

persecution and restriction of human rights in Iran, wherever it exists.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; the Honorable Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.