

## House Resolution 1653

By: Representatives Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup> and Casas of the 107<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the actions of the Venezuelan government; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, we the people of the United States and the citizens of our great State of Georgia  
3 value the true nature of a democratic society in which citizens' concerns are allowed to be  
4 presented without fear of retribution at the hand of one's own government; and

5 WHEREAS, in order for a just democratic society to exist, the ability and rights of the people  
6 to peacefully assemble, speak freely, and the freedom of the press must be present and  
7 protected; and

8 WHEREAS, the sovereignty of a nation or state ought to be respected, but when said nation  
9 or state fails to abide by the international rules and treaties to which they are so signed onto,  
10 it is up to the world to ensure that said violation does not go ignored; and

11 WHEREAS, the government of Venezuela has taken it upon themselves to violate such  
12 agreements and use tactics aimed at targeting their citizens through various acts of  
13 government oppression; and

14 WHEREAS, Venezuela has suspended the right of the people to peacefully assemble, to  
15 bring their concerns to their government, to speak against the calamities they are facing, and  
16 is actively silencing the press; and

17 WHEREAS, such actions have resulted in the deaths of 13 citizens of Venezuela to date; and

18 WHEREAS, those who are executing their God given rights to express their discontent are  
19 being wrongfully imprisoned, harmed, or are disappearing.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body condemn the actions being undertaken by the Venezuelan

22 government against its citizens, which have led to the deaths of 13 Venezuelan citizens to  
23 date, and call upon the Venezuelan government to respect the rights and ability of its citizens  
24 to peacefully assemble and voice their concerns without fear of retribution, and to not revoke  
25 or suppress the freedom of the press.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.