LCHR Applauds Egypt Human Rights Resolution, Urges Support

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Washington, D.C. – The Leadership Council for Human Rights strongly supports H. Res. 1303, calling on the Egyptian Government to respect human rights and freedoms of religion and expression in Egypt. LCHR expresses its appreciation to Congressional Human Rights Caucus Co-Chair Frank Wolf for introducing this important resolution, which details Egypt's human rights abuses against religious minorities, journalists and bloggers, democracy proponents, and civil society development organizations. The resolution also urges the President and the Secretary of State to prioritize human rights and religious freedom in meetings with Egyptian officials.

LCHR applauds Rep. Wolf for his consistent leadership on the human rights situation in Egypt. Tragically, many Egyptians have been unable to claim and enjoy their rights because of widespread repression. Religious minorities like the Copts and Baha'is are subject to discrimination at every level, and political opponents of the ruling regime, including Ayman Nour, have been targeted and jailed. Egypt's President, Hosni Mubarak, has promised democratic reforms time and again. These promises have gone unfulfilled.

Please call and encourage your Member of Congress to co-sponsor H. Res. 1303. Your support is vital for the success of the resolution, which if passed will send President Mubarak a clear message that Egypt must respect human rights. Current co-sponsors include Reps. Burton, Smith, Franks, Fossella, Kirk, McCotter, Schakowsky, Souder, Davis, Pitts, Waters, Pence, McGovern, and Goode.