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109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation.

Whereas on July 9, 2004, American journalist Paul Klebnikov was murdered by gunmen as he exited the Moscow offices of Forbes Magazine;

Whereas Mr. Klebnikov is survived by his wife Musa, and his young children Alexander, Grigory, and Sophia;

Whereas twelve journalists have been murdered in the Russian Federation since 2000 and Mr. Klebnikov was the



first and only United States citizen among these journalists;

Whereas the Department of State's 2004 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices states government pressure in Russia continues to weaken freedom of expression and the independence and freedom of the media, particularly among the major national television networks and regional media outlets;

Whereas the Russian Prosecutor General's office has arrested Musa Vahaev and Kazbek Dukzov for the murder of Mr. Klebnikov;

Whereas the Government of Russia has stated that Mr. Klebnikov's murder was ordered by Khozh-Akhmed Nukhayev, a fugitive Chechen warlord; and

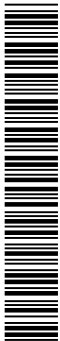
Whereas a group of United States investigative journalists has launched an independent inquiry into the death of Mr. Klebnikov: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow
3 and the murders of other members of the media in
4 the Russian Federation;

5 (2) commends the Russian Prosecutor General's
6 office for its continuing investigation of the murder
7 of Mr. Klebnikov;

8 (3) urges the Government of Russia to continue
9 its inquiries to determine and bring to justice all
10 others involved in the murder of Mr. Klebnikov;



1 (4) urges the Government of Russia to take ap-
2 propriate action to protect the independence and
3 freedom of the Russian media and all visiting mem-
4 bers of the media; and

5 (5) commends all journalists working and living
6 in Russia for their courageous dedication to trans-
7 parency and the truth.

