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Condemning the Nation of Brunei's criminalization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and imposition of cruel and disproportionate forms of punishment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2019

Mr. POCAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Condemning the Nation of Brunei's criminalization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and imposition of cruel and disproportionate forms of punishment.

Whereas, on April 3, 2019, a brutal new penal code went into effect in the country of Brunei;

Whereas Brunei's penal code imposes death by stoning for same-sex relations and adultery;

Whereas stoning is a cruel and torturous form of punishment; and

Whereas the U.S. Department of State has stated that "the United States strongly opposes violence, criminalization

and discrimination targeting vulnerable groups, including women at risk of violence, religious and ethnic minorities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons.”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the criminalization of and dis-
3 crimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgen-
4 der and intersex individuals;

5 (2) condemns Brunei’s decision to criminalize
6 sex between persons of the same sex;

7 (3) condemns Brunei’s decision to impose dis-
8 proportionate punishments for crimes;

9 (4) encourages the international community to
10 join the U.S. House of Representatives in con-
11 demning Brunei’s new penal code and upholding
12 international norms;

13 (5) directs the U.S. Department of State to up-
14 date all human rights reports submitted to Congress
15 and the President immediately to document the se-
16 verity of Brunei’s new penal code; and

17 (6) calls on Brunei to reverse its new penal
18 code as expeditiously as possible.

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