

COMFORT WOMEN LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
IN THE U.S. CONGRESS

Asia Policy Point

Backgrounder

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Summary

There have been eight resolutions introduced into the House of Representatives since 1996 (104th Congress) that mention of the Comfort Women (CW) tragedy. CW was first noted in a resolution on the maltreatment of and compensation for civilian and military prisoners of Japan during WWII introduced by conservative, California Republican Congressman Robert Dornan. The first three attempts to introduce the issue of CW into legislation were included in larger resolutions regarding recognition and compensation for victims of Japanese aggression.

The first resolution to focus solely on the CW was introduced by Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL) on July 24, 2001 in the House of Representatives during the 107th Congress. Until the 2006 and H. Res. 759, all previous resolutions were “concurrent” and asked for reparations. A concurrent resolution means that it will be sent to the Senate for consideration after it passes in House. None of these resolutions ever got out of committee, thus they were never on the House floor for a vote and they never reached the Senate for consideration.

H. Res. 759 was the first CW resolution not introduced as a concurrent resolution and not to ask for reparations. It was also the first to be considered by the House Committee on International Relations (HIRC) and reported out by unanimous consent on September 13, 2006. It was sent to the Speaker with a recommendation to approve “Under Suspension of the Rules.” However, vigorous lobbying by Japan persuaded then-House Speaker Denny Hastert (R-IL) to never bring the legislation to the floor and it died with the end of the 109th Congress.

H. Res. 121 introduced by Rep Mike Honda (D-CA) was a substantial and careful redraft of H. Res. 759. The focus was on requesting that Japan act “responsibly” to offer an “unequivocal” apology to the CW. This resolution was approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee (renamed by the Democrats from HIRC) 39-2 on June 26, 2007 and passed on the House floor by Unanimous Consent, as recommended by Committee Chairman Tom Lantos (D-CA) on July 30, 2007. Both Foreign Affairs Committee Chair Mr. Lantos and Ms. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Minority Chair, were co-sponsors of the resolution. Mr. Lantos introduced the resolution on the floor of the House, and Ms. Lehtinen was the first to speak for its approval.

1. [104th] Expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the maltreatment of United States military and civilian prisoners by the Japanese during World War II.
(Introduced in House) [[H.CON.RES.176.IH](#)]

Sponsor: Rep Dornan, Robert K. [CA-46] (introduced 5/10/1996)

Cosponsors (13): Rep Bilirakis, Michael [FL-9] - 5/10/1996
Rep Blute, Peter I. [MA-3] - 9/11/1996
Rep Camp, Dave [MI-4] - 9/11/1996
Rep Campbell, Tom [CA-15] - 9/11/1996
Rep Coburn, Tom A. [OK-2] - 9/11/1996
Rep Davis, Thomas M. [VA-11] - 9/11/1996
Rep Geren, Pete [TX-12] - 9/11/1996
Rep Lipinski, William O. [IL-3] - 9/11/1996
Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-16] - 5/10/1996
Rep Morella, Constance A. [MD-8] - 9/11/1996
Rep Skeen, Joe [NM-2] - 9/11/1996
Rep Stump, Bob [AZ-3] - 5/10/1996
Rep Watts, J. C., Jr. [OK-4] - 9/11/1996

Details:

- Dealt primarily with the suffering of US civilians and servicemen at the hands of the Japanese Military during WWII.
- Discusses Japanese war crimes in terms of the Holocaust and compares German-Japanese POW camp death rates.
- Notes the Bataan Death March, the Rape of Nanking, and Unit 739 to the list of Japanese war crimes.
- Only refers to comfort women when writing on the ICJ (International Council of Jurists) belief that comfort women deserved compensation of \$40,000 each.

2. [105th] Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the war crimes committed by the Japanese military during World War II. (Introduced in House) [[H.CON.RES.126.IH](#)]

Sponsor: Rep Lipinski, William O. [IL-3] (introduced 7/25/1997)

Cosponsors (78): Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] - 8/6/1998
Rep Ackerman, Gary L. [NY-5] - 7/25/1997
Rep Andrews, Robert E. [NJ-1] - 9/18/1997
Rep Bentsen, Ken [TX-25] - 8/6/1998
Rep Bilbray, Brian P. [CA-49] - 6/24/1998
Rep Boehlert, Sherwood [NY-23] - 9/4/1997
Rep Bonior, David E. [MI-10] - 3/12/1998
Rep Boyd, Allen [FL-2] - 7/21/1998
Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-43] - 2/24/1998

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Rep Campbell, Tom [CA-15] - 7/25/1997
Rep Combest, Larry [TX-19] - 2/24/1998
Rep Cook, Merrill [UT-2] - 2/24/1998
Rep Danner, Pat [MO-6] - 11/5/1997
Rep Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [FL-21] - 1/28/1998
Rep Duncan, John J., Jr. [TN-2] - 2/24/1998
Rep Eshoo, Anna G. [CA-14] - 9/18/1997
Rep Etheridge, Bob [NC-2] - 7/25/1997
Rep Forbes, Michael P. [NY-1] - 3/12/1998
Rep Fowler, Tillie [FL-4] - 10/10/1998
Rep Franks, Bob [NJ-7] - 4/21/1998
Rep Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [NJ-11] - 9/18/1997
Rep Furse, Elizabeth [OR-1] - 1/28/1998
Rep Green, Gene [TX-29] - 7/25/1997
Rep Hall, Ralph M. [TX-4] - 4/30/1998
Rep Hefley, Joel [CO-5] - 6/24/1998
Rep Hill, Rick [MT] - 7/25/1997
Rep Hyde, Henry J. [IL-6] - 10/24/1997
Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila [TX-18] - 2/4/1998
Rep Kelly, Sue W. [NY-19] - 4/21/1998
Rep Kim, Jay [CA-41] - 4/21/1998
Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] - 4/1/1998
Rep Klink, Ron [PA-4] - 9/4/1997
Rep Lampson, Nick [TX-9] - 11/5/1997
Rep Lantos, Tom [CA-12] - 2/24/1998
Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-16] - 7/25/1997
Rep Luther, Bill [MN-6] - 1/28/1998
Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14] - 7/25/1997
Rep Markey, Edward J. [MA-7] - 6/24/1998
Rep McCollum, Bill [FL-8] - 2/24/1998
Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-3] - 11/12/1997
Rep McNulty, Michael R. [NY-21] - 9/18/1997
Rep Miller, Dan [FL-13] - 9/4/1997
Rep Mink, Patsy T. [HI-2] - 10/2/1998
Rep Moakley, John Joseph [MA-9] - 10/2/1998
Rep Morella, Constance A. [MD-8] - 7/25/1997
Rep Norton, Eleanor Holmes [DC] - 5/19/1998
Rep Olver, John W. [MA-1] - 1/28/1998
Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr. [NJ-6] - 7/21/1998
Rep Pappas, Michael [NJ-12] - 11/12/1997
Rep Payne, Donald M. [NJ-10] - 9/4/1997
Rep Peterson, Collin C. [MN-7] - 11/5/1997
Rep Petri, Thomas E. [WI-6] - 1/28/1998
Rep Pitts, Joseph R. [PA-16] - 10/24/1997
Rep Redmond, Bill [NM-3] - 2/24/1998
Rep Rivers, Lynn N. [MI-13] - 7/21/1998

Rep Rohrabacher, Dana [CA-45] - 7/25/1997
Rep Rothman, Steven R. [NJ-9] - 5/19/1998
Rep Royce, Edward R. [CA-39] - 9/18/1997
Rep Sanchez, Loretta [CA-46] - 7/21/1998
Rep Skeen, Joe [NM-2] - 7/25/1997
Rep Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [NY-28] - 11/5/1997
Rep Smith, Adam [WA-9] - 6/24/1998
Rep Smith, Christopher H. [NJ-4] - 7/31/1997
Rep Solomon, Gerald B. H. [NY-22] - 9/18/1997
Rep Spratt, John M., Jr. [SC-5] - 10/10/1998
Rep Stark, Fortney Pete [CA-13] - 4/21/1998
Rep Stenholm, Charles W. [TX-17] - 10/2/1998
Rep Stump, Bob [AZ-3] - 7/25/1997
Rep Talent, Jim [MO-2] - 4/30/1998
Rep Taylor, Gene [MS-5] - 11/12/1997
Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10] - 7/25/1997
Rep Underwood, Robert A. [GU] - 7/25/1997
Rep Velazquez, Nydia M. [NY-12] - 9/4/1997
Rep Vento, Bruce F. [MN-4] - 2/24/1998
Rep Visclosky, Peter J. [IN-1] - 11/12/1997
Rep Watts, J. C., Jr. [OK-4] - 7/25/1997
Rep Yates, Sidney R. [IL-9] - 7/25/1997
Rep Young, Don [AK] - 3/12/1998

Details:

- Adds whereas clause pointing out how Japan “flagrantly” violated several human rights treaties
- Adds whereas clause about bombing, capture, and rape and pillage of Guam
- Adds a whereas clause about comfort women: “Whereas the Japanese military enslaved millions of Koreans during World War II and forced hundreds of thousands of women into sexual slavery for Japanese troops”
- Asks for reparations from Japanese government for Guam residents, Nanking victims, and comfort women

3. [106th] Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the war crimes committed by the Japanese military during World War II. (Introduced in House) [[H.CON.RES.357.IH](#)]

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane [IL-17] (introduced 6/19/2000)

Cosponsors (46): Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] - 6/22/2000
Rep Bentsen, Ken [TX-25] - 9/20/2000
Rep Bilbray, Brian P. [CA-49] - 6/19/2000
Rep Blunt, Roy [MO-7] - 6/29/2000
Rep Boehlert, Sherwood [NY-23] - 9/20/2000

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Rep Bonior, David E. [MI-10] - 6/19/2000
Rep Campbell, Tom [CA-15] - 6/19/2000
Rep Cook, Merrill [UT-2] - 9/20/2000
Rep Danner, Pat [MO-6] - 9/20/2000
Rep Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [FL-21] - 9/20/2000
Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-10] - 9/25/2000
Rep Eshoo, Anna G. [CA-14] - 6/19/2000
Rep Foley, Mark [FL-16] - 7/11/2000
Rep Fowler, Tillie [FL-4] - 6/19/2000
Rep Green, Gene [TX-29] - 6/19/2000
Rep Gutierrez, Luis V. [IL-4] - 6/23/2000
Rep Hooley, Darlene [OR-5] - 6/21/2000
Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila [TX-18] - 6/19/2000
Rep Kelly, Sue W. [NY-19] - 6/19/2000
Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] - 6/28/2000
Rep Klink, Ron [PA-4] - 9/20/2000
Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10] - 9/25/2000
Rep Lampson, Nick [TX-9] - 6/19/2000
Rep Lantos, Tom [CA-12] - 9/25/2000
Rep Lipinski, William O. [IL-3] - 6/19/2000
Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-16] - 6/19/2000
Rep McCollum, Bill [FL-8] - 9/20/2000
Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-3] - 6/19/2000
Rep Miller, George [CA-7] - 10/2/2000
Rep Mink, Patsy T. [HI-2] - 9/25/2000
Rep Morella, Constance A. [MD-8] - 6/23/2000
Rep Nadler, Jerrold [NY-8] - 7/24/2000
Rep Norton, Eleanor Holmes [DC] - 6/19/2000
Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr. [NJ-6] - 6/19/2000
Rep Pelosi, Nancy [CA-8] - 10/16/2000
Rep Rivers, Lynn N. [MI-13] - 9/20/2000
Rep Rohrabacher, Dana [CA-45] - 6/19/2000
Rep Rothman, Steven R. [NJ-9] - 7/11/2000
Rep Royce, Edward R. [CA-39] - 6/19/2000
Rep Smith, Adam [WA-9] - 9/28/2000
Rep Stump, Bob [AZ-3] - 6/26/2000
Rep Taylor, Gene [MS-5] - 9/28/2000
Rep Thornberry, Mac [TX-13] - 9/7/2000
Rep Thurman, Karen L. [FL-5] - 7/26/2000
Rep Underwood, Robert A. [GU] - 6/19/2000
Rep Wexler, Robert [FL-19] - 6/23/2000

Details:

- Removes demands for reparations to Guam residents

4. [107th] Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Japan should formally issue a clear and unambiguous apology for the sexual enslavement of young women during colonial occupation... (Introduced in House) [[H.CON.RES.195.IH](#)]

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane [IL-17] (introduced 7/24/2001)

Cosponsors (27): Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] - 7/24/2001

Rep Coyne, William J. [PA-14] - 11/14/2001

Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7] - 9/5/2001

Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-10] - 7/24/2001

Rep Eshoo, Anna G. [CA-14] - 7/25/2001

Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] - 3/20/2002

Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15] - 7/24/2001

Rep Kaptur, Marcy [OH-9] - 7/24/2001

Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10] - 7/24/2001

Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-16] - 7/24/2001

Rep McCollum, Betty [MN-4] - 7/24/2001

Rep McDermott, Jim [WA-7] - 7/26/2001

Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-3] - 7/24/2001

Rep McKinney, Cynthia A. [GA-4] - 7/24/2001

Rep McNulty, Michael R. [NY-21] - 7/24/2001

Rep Miller, George [CA-7] - 7/31/2001

Rep Mink, Patsy T. [HI-2] - 7/24/2001

Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8] - 7/24/2001

Rep Pelosi, Nancy [CA-8] - 7/24/2001

Rep Rivers, Lynn N. [MI-13] - 7/24/2001

Rep Sanders, Bernard [VT] - 7/24/2001

Rep Schakowsky, Janice D. [IL-9] - 7/31/2001

Rep Smith, Christopher H. [NJ-4] - 7/25/2001

Rep Stark, Fortney Pete [CA-13] - 8/2/2001

Rep Underwood, Robert A. [GU] - 7/24/2001

Rep Watson, Diane E. [CA-32] - 9/5/2001

Rep Wolf, Frank R. [VA-10] - 7/24/2001

Details:

- First to focus solely on comfort women
- Removes demand for reparations; replaced with ICJ's belief that "these women are entitled to the fullest possible relief permissible in international law"
- Adds that the UN Special Rapporteur report, stating that the private fund to pay comfort women does not qualify as a government apology and/or reparations

5. [108th] Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Japan should formally issue a clear and unambiguous apology for the sexual enslavement of young women during colonial occupation... (Introduced in House) [[H.CON.RES.226.IH](#)]

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane [IL-17] (introduced 6/23/2003)

Cosponsors (32): Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] - 6/23/2003

Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] - 6/23/2003

Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7] - 6/23/2003

Rep Davis, Danny K. [IL-7] - 6/23/2003

Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] - 10/16/2003

Rep Faleomavaega, Eni F.H. [AS] - 6/23/2003

Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] - 6/23/2003

Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] - 6/23/2003

Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15] - 6/23/2003

Rep Kaptur, Marcy [OH-9] - 6/23/2003

Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10] - 6/23/2003

Rep Lamm, Nick [TX-9] - 6/23/2003

Rep Lantos, Tom [CA-12] - 6/23/2003

Rep Larson, John B. [CT-1] - 6/23/2003

Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9] - 6/23/2003

Rep Lipinski, William O. [IL-3] - 6/23/2003

Rep McCollum, Betty [MN-4] - 6/23/2003

Rep McDermott, Jim [WA-7] - 6/23/2003

Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-3] - 9/4/2003

Rep McNulty, Michael R. [NY-21] - 1/21/2004

Rep Millender-McDonald, Juanita [CA-37] - 6/23/2003

Rep Miller, George [CA-7] - 1/20/2004

Rep Napolitano, Grace F. [CA-38] - 1/20/2004

Rep Norton, Eleanor Holmes [DC] - 1/20/2004

Rep Sanchez, Linda T. [CA-39] - 6/23/2003

Rep Sanders, Bernard [VT] - 6/23/2003

Rep Schakowsky, Janice D. [IL-9] - 6/23/2003

Rep Schiff, Adam B. [CA-29] - 6/23/2003

Rep Solis, Hilda L. [CA-32] - 6/23/2003

Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10] - 6/23/2003

Rep Watson, Diane E. [CA-33] - 6/23/2003

Rep Wolf, Frank R. [VA-10] - 6/23/2003

Details:

- No significant changes from H. CON. RES. 195

6. [109th] Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Japan should formally issue a clear and unambiguous apology for the sexual enslavement of young women during colonial occupation... (Introduced in House) [[H.CON.RES.68.IH](#)]

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane [IL-17] (introduced 2/16/2005)

Cosponsors (15): Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] - 2/16/2005
Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] - 2/16/2005
Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7] - 2/16/2005
Rep Fattah, Chaka [PA-2] - 2/14/2006
Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] - 2/16/2005
Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] - 2/16/2005
Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15] - 2/16/2005
Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10] - 2/16/2005
Rep McCarthy, Carolyn [NY-4] - 2/14/2006
Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-3] - 2/16/2005
Rep Miller, George [CA-7] - 2/16/2005
Rep Napolitano, Grace F. [CA-38] - 2/16/2005
Rep Norton, Eleanor Holmes [DC] - 2/16/2005
Rep Sanders, Bernard [VT] - 2/16/2005
Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10] - 2/16/2005

Details:

- No significant changes from H. CON. RES. 195

7. [109th] Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge and accept responsibility for its sexual enslavement of young women, known... (Introduced in House) [[H.RES.759.IH](#)]

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane [IL-17] (introduced 4/4/2006)

Cosponsors (58): Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] - 4/26/2006
Rep Ackerman, Gary L. [NY-5] - 9/28/2006
Rep Becerra, Xavier [CA-31] - 5/23/2006
Rep Berkley, Shelley [NV-1] - 7/24/2006
Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2] - 5/9/2006
Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] - 4/26/2006
Rep Burton, Dan [IN-5] - 9/12/2006
Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-44] - 9/12/2006
Rep Capuano, Michael E. [MA-8] - 9/12/2006
Rep Case, Ed [HI-2] - 5/2/2006
Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7] - 4/26/2006
Rep Cummings, Elijah E. [MD-7] - 9/28/2006
Rep Davis, Danny K. [IL-7] - 9/25/2006

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Rep Davis, Jo Ann [VA-1] - 5/23/2006
Rep Davis, Tom [VA-11] - 11/13/2006
Rep English, Phil [PA-3] - 4/26/2006
Rep Farr, Sam [CA-17] - 4/26/2006
Rep Fattah, Chaka [PA-2] - 4/26/2006
Rep Fossella, Vito [NY-13] - 7/26/2006
Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] - 9/26/2006
Rep Franks, Trent [AZ-2] - 9/19/2006
Rep Garrett, Scott [NJ-5] - 11/13/2006
Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] - 4/26/2006
Rep Hastings, Alcee L. [FL-23] - 9/26/2006
Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15] - 4/26/2006
Rep Issa, Darrell E. [CA-49] - 6/13/2006
Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila [TX-18] - 11/13/2006
Rep Jefferson, William J. [LA-2] - 5/16/2006
Rep Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [MI-13] - 4/26/2006
Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10] - 5/16/2006
Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9] - 4/26/2006
Rep Lewis, John [GA-5] - 4/26/2006
Rep Lowey, Nita M. [NY-18] - 6/26/2006
Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14] - 5/2/2006
Rep McCarthy, Carolyn [NY-4] - 4/26/2006
Rep McCaul, Michael T. [TX-10] - 6/13/2006
Rep McCollum, Betty [MN-4] - 5/23/2006
Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-3] - 4/26/2006
Rep Meeks, Gregory W. [NY-6] - 4/26/2006
Rep Miller, George [CA-7] - 4/26/2006
Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] - 4/26/2006
Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8] - 9/12/2006
Rep Napolitano, Grace F. [CA-38] - 5/2/2006
Rep Norton, Eleanor Holmes [DC] - 5/9/2006
Rep Payne, Donald M. [NJ-10] - 5/2/2006
Rep Pitts, Joseph R. [PA-16] - 4/26/2006
Rep Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [FL-18] - 9/12/2006
Rep Royce, Edward R. [CA-40] - 4/26/2006
Rep Sanders, Bernard [VT] - 5/9/2006
Rep Schakowsky, Janice D. [IL-9] - 5/23/2006
Rep Smith, Christopher H. [NJ-4] - 4/4/2006
Rep Solis, Hilda L. [CA-32] - 6/26/2006
Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10] - 7/11/2006
Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] - 5/3/2006
Rep Watson, Diane E. [CA-33] - 4/26/2006
Rep Waxman, Henry A. [CA-30] - 7/25/2006
Rep Weldon, Curt [PA-7] - 7/24/2006
Rep Wolf, Frank R. [VA-10] - 6/13/2006

Details:

- Adds the word “responsibility” among Japan’s obligations to the CW
- Adds a whereas clause that notes the comfort women system as the largest government sponsored human trafficking system in the 20th century
- Notes that women throughout the Pacific, not just Koreans, were victims
- Adds that the issue is still alive as thousands must live with the shame of having been used by the Japanese military for sex
- Removes ICJ and UN Rapporteur references
- Removes the request for reparation
- Adds an observation that Japanese textbooks increasingly ignore CW
- Asks for the education of Japanese on the truth of comfort women issue
- Asks that Japan “follow the recommendations of the United Nations and Amnesty International with respect to the comfort women”

8. [110th] Whereas the Government of Japan, during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II, officially commissioned... (Engrossed as Agreed to or Passed by House)
[\[H.RES.121.EH\]](#)

Sponsor: Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15] (introduced 1/31/2007)

Cosponsors (167): Rep Ackerman, Gary L. [NY-5] - 2/14/2007

Rep Allen, Thomas H. [ME-1] - 3/28/2007
Rep Andrews, Robert E. [NJ-1] - 5/2/2007
Rep Arcuri, Michael A. [NY-24] - 5/16/2007
Rep Baca, Joe [CA-43] - 5/7/2007
Rep Baird, Brian [WA-3] - 5/14/2007
Rep Baldwin, Tammy [WI-2] - 3/9/2007
Rep Becerra, Xavier [CA-31] - 2/28/2007
Rep Berkley, Shelley [NV-1] - 3/29/2007
Rep Berman, Howard L. [CA-28] - 4/24/2007
Rep Bilbray, Brian P. [CA-50] - 5/14/2007
Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2] - 5/7/2007
Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] - 5/14/2007
Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] - 1/31/2007
Rep Boyd, Allen [FL-2] - 6/12/2007
Rep Brady, Robert A. [PA-1] - 4/24/2007
Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] - 5/22/2007
Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny [FL-5] - 7/19/2007
Rep Burton, Dan [IN-5] - 2/14/2007
Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-44] - 4/24/2007
Rep Campbell, John [CA-48] - 7/25/2007
Rep Capps, Lois [CA-23] - 3/9/2007
Rep Capuano, Michael E. [MA-8] - 3/9/2007
Rep Carson, Julia [IN-7] - 5/1/2007

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Rep Chandler, Ben [KY-6] - 6/12/2007
Rep Clarke, Yvette D. [NY-11] - 3/28/2007
Rep Clay, Wm. Lacy [MO-1] - 5/7/2007
Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] - 3/9/2007
Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-14] - 5/7/2007
Rep Costa, Jim [CA-20] - 5/10/2007
Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7] - 2/14/2007
Rep Cummings, Elijah E. [MD-7] - 5/1/2007
Rep Davis, Artur [AL-7] - 4/23/2007
Rep Davis, Danny K. [IL-7] - 2/28/2007
Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53] - 4/26/2007
Rep Davis, Tom [VA-11] - 3/5/2007
Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] - 3/29/2007
Rep Delahunt, William D. [MA-10] - 5/10/2007
Rep DeLauro, Rosa L. [CT-3] - 4/26/2007
Rep Dicks, Norman D. [WA-6] - 6/14/2007
Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-25] - 7/16/2007
Rep Doyle, Michael F. [PA-14] - 3/26/2007
Rep Ellison, Keith [MN-5] - 5/1/2007
Rep Engel, Eliot L. [NY-17] - 3/26/2007
Rep English, Phil [PA-3] - 3/26/2007
Rep Eshoo, Anna G. [CA-14] - 3/9/2007
Rep Faleomavaega, Eni F.H. [AS] - 6/19/2007
Rep Farr, Sam [CA-17] - 5/2/2007
Rep Fattah, Chaka [PA-2] - 3/26/2007
Rep Ferguson, Mike [NJ-7] - 5/2/2007
Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] - 3/29/2007
Rep Fortuno, Luis G. [PR] - 7/16/2007
Rep Fossella, Vito [NY-13] - 2/14/2007
Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] - 3/29/2007
Rep Garrett, Scott [NJ-5] - 2/28/2007
Rep Gerlach, Jim [PA-6] - 5/16/2007
Rep Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY-20] - 5/8/2007
Rep Gonzalez, Charles A. [TX-20] - 5/10/2007
Rep Green, Al [TX-9] - 6/19/2007
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Details:

- Uses the term *ianfu* when referring to comfort women
- Adds “unequivocal” as the marker for the type of apology suggested; by implication a solid political statement within the Japanese legal system
- Acknowledges and defends the Kono Statement, “which expressed the Government's sincere apologies and remorse for their ordeal”
- Adds whereas clauses pointing out Japan’s pre-war treaty obligations and its admirable postwar support of international human rights.
- Acknowledges the Japan-U.S. Alliance as a cornerstone of Northeast Asian stability and prosperity
- Acknowledges shared values and interests
- Acknowledges and commends the Asian Women’s Fund, its total donation and the joint private-public nature of its endowment.
- Asks that the GoJ help clarify that the Prime Minister apologizes to the CW as a public statement in his official capacity
- Removes references to the UN and Amnesty International

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