

Rep. Hammoud offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 304.**

A resolution to urge the United States government to publicly and formally call for a solution to Yemen's current crisis, condemn the fighting and war crimes, and recognize the suffering of the Yemeni people and their need for humanitarian aid.

Whereas, Rooted in political issues dating years back, factions in the Republic of Yemen have been in conflict since early 2015. The United Nations has marked this crisis as comparable to those in Iraq, Syria, and South Sudan, highlighting the severity of the suffering; and

Whereas, The Yemeni conflict has devastated the lives of many people. There have been more than 10,000 civilian casualties, numerous human rights violations, and several war crimes. Over 20 million civilians are in need of humanitarian assistance, and around 8 million are experiencing severe food insecurity. Extreme health issues, including a significant cholera outbreak and famine, have also gripped Yemen. Moreover, masses of people have been forced to relocate within the country or leave altogether as refugees. There are more than 2 million internally displaced Yemenis; and

Whereas, Vital resources, including food, water, medical supplies, and other humanitarian aid, have been blocked by warring parties in Yemen. People are starving, suffering, and dying because of the blockades. For instance, many people with cholera, which is treatable with antibiotics and IV fluids, are not receiving treatment because of a lack of supplies. The ports, where desperately needed resources enter the country, are not fully open and operational, limiting the flow of imports coming from many commercial and aid organizations; and

Whereas, Some actions have been undertaken to stem the Yemeni conflict, but further efforts are necessary. In 2016, the United Nations Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Yemen, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, facilitated a temporary cessation of hostilities. His moves to help find a solution to the conflict show immense promise. The United Nations Security Council continues to urge all parties to reduce violence, minimize civilian casualties, and immediately stop blatant violations of human rights; and

Whereas, World leaders, like the United States, have a moral imperative to work toward an end to the Yemeni conflict and help the country's people beleaguered by the crisis. The United States has the influence to broker a ceasefire and peace negotiations. It has the resources to ensure people in Yemen receive adequate aid as well; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States government to publicly and formally call for a solution to Yemen's current crisis, condemn the fighting and war crimes, and recognize the suffering of the Yemeni people and their need for humanitarian aid; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.