



**Petition to Express Sympathy
for Turkish Martyrs**

**PETITION TO PASS RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR
FAMILIES OF TURKISH MURDER VICTIMS**

June 27, 2008

Congressman Howard Berman
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Chairman, US House Committee on Foreign Affairs

CC: Members of US House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Dear Congressman Berman,

On April 18, 2007, three Christians were gruesomely tortured and executed by five young Muslim men in Malatya, Turkey, in a story that generated headlines and outrage around the world. Christian Turks have asked that the world take notice of these events and encourage the government of Turkey, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, to protect the rights of its minority Christian population in the face of Islamic extremism.

On May 21, 2007, Rep. Bob Inglis (SC-4) introduced a resolution (H. Res. 420) to express the United States' outrage over the killings. The bill had 32 cosponsors, namely Rep. Aderholt, Rep. Akin, Rep. Barrett, Rep. Bartlett, Rep. Boozman, Rep. Brown, Rep. Chabot, Rep. Conaway, Rep. Duncan, Rep. Feeney, Rep. Flake, Rep. Fortuno, Rep. Franks, Rep. Gordon, Rep. Hoekstra, Rep. Lipinski, Rep. Manzullo, Rep. McCotter, Rep. McGovern, Rep. McHenry, Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Rep. Myrick, Rep. Pallone, Rep. Payne, Rep. Pence, Rep. Poe, Rep. Sali, Rep. Shimkus, Rep. Shuler, Rep. Chris Smith, Rep. Souder, and Rep. Wolf.

We, the undersigned, are concerned that this important resolution has not yet been passed out of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and request that you make it a priority to pass this resolution quickly so that the entire House can vote on it.

Sincerely,

International Christian Concern
(and attached)

