

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4435  
OFFERED BY MR. SHIMKUS OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle F of title XII insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1266. RECOGNITION OF VICTIMS OF SOVIET COMMUNIST AND NAZI REGIMES.**  
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3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:  
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5 (1) On August 13, 1941, President Franklin D.  
6 Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill  
7 issued a joint declaration “of certain common principles  
8 in the national policies of their respective  
9 countries on which they based their hopes for a better  
10 future for the world” and “the right of all peoples  
11 to choose the form of government under which  
12 they will live and self government restored to those  
13 who have been forcibly deprived of them” and that  
14 the people of countries may live in freedom.

15 (2) The United States Government has actively  
16 advocated for and continues to support the principles  
17 of the United Nations Universal Declaration

1 of Human Rights and the United Nations General  
2 Assembly resolution 260 (III) of December 9, 1948.

3 (3) Captive Nations Week, signed into law by  
4 President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1959, raised  
5 public awareness of the oppression of nations under  
6 the control of Communist and other nondemocratic  
7 governments.

8 (4) The European Parliament resolution on Eu-  
9 ropean conscience and totalitarianism of April 2,  
10 2009, and the “Black Ribbon Day” resolution  
11 adopted by the Parliament of Canada on November  
12 30, 2009, establish a day of remembrance for vic-  
13 tims of Communist and Nazi regimes to remember  
14 and commemorate their victims.

15 (5) The extreme forms of totalitarian rule prac-  
16 ticed by the Soviet Communist and Nazi regimes led  
17 to premeditated and vast crimes committed against  
18 millions of human beings and their basic and in-  
19 alienable rights on a scale unseen before in history.

20 (6) Fleeing the Nazi and Soviet Communist  
21 crimes, hundreds of thousands of people sought and  
22 found refuge in the United States.

23 (7) August 23 would be an appropriate date to  
24 designate as “Black Ribbon Day” to remember and  
25 never forget the terror millions of citizens in Central

1 and Eastern Europe experienced for more than 40  
2 years by ruthless military, economic, and political re-  
3 pression of the people through arbitrary executions,  
4 mass arrests, deportations, the suppression of free  
5 speech, confiscation of private property, and the de-  
6 struction of cultural and moral identity and civil so-  
7 ciety, all of which deprived the vast majority of the  
8 peoples of Central and Eastern Europe of their basic  
9 human rights and dignity, separating them from the  
10 democratic world by means of the Iron Curtain and  
11 the Berlin Wall.

12 (8) The memories of Europe's tragic past can-  
13 not be forgotten in order to honor the victims, con-  
14 demn the perpetrators, and lay the foundation for  
15 reconciliation based on truth and remembrance.

16 (b) RECOGNITION.—Congress supports the designa-  
17 tion of “Black Ribbon Day” to recognize the victims of  
18 Soviet Communist and Nazi regimes.

