

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23
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At the end of subtitle H of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE CHIBOK**

2 **SCHOOLGIRLS AND BOKO HARAM.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) . The members of Jama’atu Ahlis Sunna
5 Lidda’awati wal-Jihad, commonly known as Boko
6 Haram, have terrorized the people of Nigeria with
7 increasing violence since 2009, targeting military,
8 government, and civilian sites in Nigeria, including
9 schools, mosques, churches, markets, villages, and
10 agricultural centers, and killing thousands and ab-
11 ducting hundreds of civilians in Nigeria and the sur-
12 rounding countries.

13 (2) On the night of April 14, 2014, 276 female
14 students, most of them between 15 and 18 years old,
15 were abducted by Boko Haram from the Chibok
16 Government Girls Secondary School, a boarding
17 school located in Borno state in the Federal Repub-
18 lic of Nigeria.

1 (3) While some Chibok girls have fled their cap-
2 tors and others have been released through negotia-
3 tions, more than 100 Chibok girls remain in cap-
4 tivity.

5 (4) In addition to kidnapping the Chibok
6 schoolgirls, Boko Haram has killed more than
7 20,000 people, coerced women and girls into car-
8 rying out suicide missions, displaced more than
9 3,000,000 Nigerians, tens of thousands of whom are
10 at risk of starving to death, and caused thousand of
11 school closures.

12 (5) In supporting efforts to reunite the Chibok
13 schoolgirls with their families, the United States has
14 authorized the deployment of military personnel to
15 assist with intelligence, surveillance, and reconnais-
16 sance, and provided training, equipment, and hu-
17 manitarian services to the populations affected by
18 and vulnerable to Boko Haram violence.

19 (6) The Secretary of State designated several
20 individuals linked to Boko Haram, including its
21 leader, Abubakar Shekau, as Specially Designated
22 Global Terrorists in 2012, and designated Boko
23 Haram as a Foreign Terrorist Organization in No-
24 vember 2013.

1 (7) The Senate and the House of Representa-
2 tives have both passed legislation and undertaken
3 other initiatives to condemn Boko Haram and sup-
4 port the Chibok schoolgirls.

5 (8) In addition to legislation, members of Con-
6 gress have traveled to Nigeria to meet with freed
7 Chibok schoolgirls and their families, held briefings,
8 press conferences, and hearings, and, every week
9 that Congress is in session, participated in Wear
10 Something Red Wednesday, a bipartisan campaign
11 led by Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Republican
12 Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers, and
13 Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, during which law-
14 makers wear a red outfit or accessory and take
15 group photos to share on social media to raise
16 awareness about the kidnapped Chibok schoolgirls.

17 (9) The 114th Congress unanimously passed S.
18 1632, which President Barack Obama signed into
19 law on December 14, 2016, to direct the Secretary
20 of State and the Secretary of Defense to jointly de-
21 velop a five-year strategy to aid Nigeria and the
22 Multinational Joint Task Force, composed of troops
23 from Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria, to
24 combat Boko Haram.

1 (10) On June 27, 2017, President Donald
2 Trump met with two freed Chibok schoolgirls at the
3 White House.

4 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

5 (1) commends the Secretary of State, Secretary
6 of Defense, and Director of National Intelligence for
7 delivering a report to Congress on a five-year strat-
8 egy for the United States to employ diplomatic, de-
9 velopment, defense, and other tools to assist and en-
10 able our African partners to lead the effort to de-
11 grade and ultimately defeat Boko Haram, the Is-
12 lamic State in Iraq and ash Sham – West Africa
13 (ISIS-WA), and any potential splinter or successor
14 groups;

15 (2) affirms United States support for the inter-
16 national effort to degrade Boko Haram and ISIS-
17 WA and to assist the Multinational Joint Task
18 Force to address the underlying drivers of violent ex-
19 tremism; and

20 (3) supports the efforts of the Department of
21 Defense to implement a United States strategy for
22 countering Boko Haram and ISIS-WA.

