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House Passes Millender-McDonald sponsored Resolution Honoring Cambodian Genocide Victims

WASHINGTON, DC – In an overwhelming vote of 420-1, the House today passed a resolution ([H.Con.Res. 83](#)) sponsored by Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, which honors the victims of the Khmer Rouge-led Cambodian Genocide of the late 1970s.

The resolution honors the over three million Cambodians who were deliberately and systematically killed between April 1975 and January 1979 by the Khmer Rouge, a Communist guerilla group led by Pol Pot. Those who survived this horrific period in Cambodian history were subjected to torture, mass starvation, and brainwashing. When the Khmer Rouge was overthrown in 1979, thousands of Cambodians fled to nearby refugee camps, with over 145,000 Cambodians making their way to the United States.

“Despite the tremendous loss of family members, homes, and even parts of their heritage, Cambodians have shown enormous resiliency,” said Congresswoman Millender-McDonald, whose district boasts the largest Cambodian population outside of Cambodia. “However, due to their recent history they continue in their struggle to fully assimilate into the fabric of our society. Those who were killed during the Cambodian genocide must not be forgotten.”

According to U.S. Census figures, there are 176,148 Cambodians currently living in the United States, with almost 100,000 residing in the City of Long Beach, which is in Congresswoman Millender-McDonald's district.

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