

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. R. No. 11

1.1 A House resolution

1.2 expressing the sense of the House condemning the practice of extrajudicial, summary,
1.3 or arbitrary killings and upholding the principles contained within the Minnesota
1.4 Protocol.

1.5 WHEREAS, the United Nations Manual on the Effective Prevention of Extra-legal, Arbitrary
1.6 and Summary Executions of 1991 became known widely as the Minnesota Protocol due to the
1.7 Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee, now called the Advocates for Human
1.8 Rights, being largely responsible for its drafting; and

1.9 WHEREAS, for decades, national, regional, and international courts have relied on the
1.10 Minnesota Protocol as a legal standard and for guidance on investigations of suspicious and unlawful
1.11 killings to hold governments accountable for extrajudicial killings. The Minnesota Protocol has
1.12 been updated since its creation to reflect current best practices; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the Minnesota Protocol is a tool for all those involved in investigations of
1.14 suspicious and unlawful killings, including law enforcement, medical practitioners, attorneys,
1.15 judicial officers, and other organizations, holding each to a higher standard of professional conduct;
1.16 and

1.17 WHEREAS, the Minnesota Protocol creates a duty to pursue justice for victims of suspicious
1.18 or unlawful killings and their families through full and fair investigations, initiated by reasonable
1.19 allegations of unlawful death or when a state knows or should have known that a potentially unlawful
1.20 death occurred; and

1.21 WHEREAS, elected representatives of the state have a responsibility to commit to policies
1.22 that reflect the Minnesota Protocol and that support a thorough, prompt, independent, and transparent
1.23 investigation in any instance of a suspicious and unlawful killing. Leaders must commit to policies
1.24 that address obstacles to reliable investigations and prevention of extrajudicial killings; NOW,
1.25 THEREFORE,

2.1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota that it hereby
2.2 condemns the practice of extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary killings.

2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
2.4 recognizes the need for promptness, witness and victim protection, independence, and transparency
2.5 in investigations of suspicious and unlawful killings.

2.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
2.7 acknowledges the origination of the Minnesota Protocol in the State of Minnesota and the need to
2.8 uphold its principles.