

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 377

Condemning Nicolás Maduro's regime for its ongoing human rights abuses  
and crimes against humanity in Venezuela.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2021

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. GIMENEZ) submitted  
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign  
Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Condemning Nicolás Maduro's regime for its ongoing human  
rights abuses and crimes against humanity in Venezuela.

Whereas in September 2020, a United Nations mission found  
that Nicolás Maduro and his regime have carried out  
thousands of extrajudicial murders of peaceful dissidents  
and political opponents since Maduro's rise to power in  
2013;

Whereas the Maduro regime is currently detaining at least  
300 political prisoners in dangerous and inhumane condi-  
tions across Venezuela, including in the notorious El  
Helicoide in Caracas;

Whereas the Maduro regime's security forces continue to en-  
gage in torture and sexual abuse of political prisoners

and members of their families to stoke terror and repress prodemocracy efforts in Venezuela;

Whereas the Maduro regime has increased arbitrary detention and intimidation of journalists, frontline workers, and legislators to silence criticism of the regime's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas Venezuela's kleptocratic elite, including the family of Hugo Chavez, possess a fortune estimated at over \$4,000,000,000;

Whereas the average Venezuelan lost 24 pounds of body weight in 2017 due to widespread poverty and food shortages;

Whereas the Maduro regime has consistently restricted the ability of nonprofits and humanitarian aid organizations to assist Venezuelans in need of basic foodstuffs and hygiene items; and

Whereas over 5,000,000 of Venezuela's 32,000,000 people have fled Venezuela as refugees due to the failures and mass human rights violations of the Maduro regime: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) strongly condemns Nicolás Maduro's regime  
3       for its violation of the basic human rights of count-  
4       less Venezuelans;

5               (2) recognizes that the Maduro regime's pattern  
6       of gross human rights violations amounts to crimes  
7       against humanity;

8               (3) supports the people of Venezuela and their  
9       fight to achieve freedom and democracy; and

1           (4) calls on President Biden to take substantive  
2           action to ensure Maduro's resignation and a peaceful  
3           transition to democracy in Venezuela.

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