



Minnesota's 4th District E-Report!

Congresswoman Betty McCollum

"Serving Minnesota's Families"



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Hot News!

McCollum Reintroduces Stoning Resolution

Rep. Betty McCollum was named to the House Committee on International Relations this week. Taking advantage of this new role, Rep. McCollum reintroduced legislation (H.Con.Res. 26) condemning the practice of execution by stoning, which will again be considered by the committee.

"Minnesota businesses, colleges, churches and classrooms are integrated and active participants in the global community. This assignment will allow Minnesota's voice to be heard promoting economic opportunities, human rights and a more peaceful world while the United States role in the world is being debated at home and abroad," said McCollum. "This is an opportunity to advance policy affecting global climate change, the HIV/AIDS pandemic and improving the status of women."

"Improving the status of women starts by eliminating gender persecution. The world has been moved by the tragic story of Amina Lawal, a Nigerian mother who has been sentenced to death by stoning. H.Con.Res. 26 sends a clear, powerful message to all nations that this extraordinarily cruel punishment must cease," said Rep. McCollum.

H.Con.Res. 26 expresses the sense of Congress that the practice of stoning must be condemned as a gross violation of human rights. In addition, the legislation calls on the President and Administration to communicate this condemnation to all governments, urge the suspension of sentences of death by stoning and work with the international community toward the repeal of stoning laws.

Last year, the resolution had 117 co-sponsors but Congressional leaders failed to bring the legislation to the House floor for consideration.

"Pic" of the Week



Rep. McCollum's staff met with representatives from MoveOn.org who presented a petition from more than 1700 4th Congressional District residents opposed to taking unilateral, immediate action against Iraq.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Monday February 3, 2003; 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Arden Hills City Hall, City Council Chambers
1245 W. Hwy 96
Arden Hills, MN

Join Rep. Betty McCollum and State Sen. Satveer Chaudhary to discuss First Responder funding and Homeland Security.

Tuesday, February 4, 2003; 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wentworth Branch, Dakota County Library
199 East Wentworth Avenue
West St. Paul, MN

Join Rep. Betty McCollum, State Sen. Jim Metzen and State Representative Tom Pugh to discuss economic and national security.

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