2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 146

February 20, 2020 – Introduced by Representatives Steffen, Dittrich, Gundrum, Horlacher, Magnafici, Milroy, Murphy, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tusler, Ramthun, Kulp and Wichgers, cosponsored by Senators Jacque and Wanggaard. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: calling for action to protect Christians in Nigeria.

Whereas, persons of faith — regardless of their faith or where they live — should neither face persecution nor fear for their lives because of their religious beliefs; and

Whereas, Fulani militants, Boko Haram, and other terrorist organizations in Nigeria are increasingly attacking Christians, torching more than 1,000 churches and killing more than 6,000 individuals; and

Whereas, among the 25 most populous countries in the world, Nigeria ranks highest in religion-related social hostilities; and

Whereas, Nigeria is home to two of the top sources of terror in the world — Fulani militants and Boko Haram; and

Whereas, terrorism has caused more civilian deaths in Nigeria than in war-torn Syria or Pakistan; and
Whereas, terrorism and ethno-religious violence within Nigeria have
decimated entire villages and have produced nearly 1.8 million internally displaced
persons; and

Whereas, President Buhari and the Nigerian government are not acting with
due haste or diligence to prevent the attacks against Christians; and

Whereas, the Nigerian government is not appearing to be able to protect its
citizens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature implores President Trump and his administration to formally
acknowledge the killing of Christians in Nigeria and designate a special envoy to
help counter the increasing violence in Nigeria, which jeopardizes the stability of
Nigeria, Europe, and the United States.

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