

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1646, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ENGEL OF NEW YORK**

Page 122, after line 23, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 747. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE MIS-**
2 **TREATMENT OF UNITED STATES CIVILIAN**
3 **PRISONERS INCARCERATED BY THE AXIS**
4 **POWERS DURING WORLD WAR II.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
6 findings:

7 (1) The Axis Powers captured and incarcerated
8 18,745 United States civilians who were living or
9 traveling abroad during World War II, of which
10 1,704 died or were executed in captivity.

11 (2) These civilian prisoners of war were sub-
12 jected to barbaric prison conditions and endured tor-
13 ture, starvation, and disease.

14 (3) The incarceration of these United States ci-
15 vilians and the conditions of such incarceration vio-
16 lated international human rights principles.

17 (4) The vast majority of these civilian prisoners
18 of war have never received any formal recognition or
19 compensation for their suffering, despite the physical
20 and emotional trauma they endured.



1 (5) The incarceration of United States civilians
2 by the Axis Powers during World War II and the
3 conditions of such incarceration violated inter-
4 national human rights principles.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The Congress—

6 (1) extends its sympathies to the brave men
7 and women who endured the terrible hardships of
8 such incarceration and to their families; and

9 (2) encourages foreign nations that incarcerated
10 United States civilians during World War II to for-
11 mally apologize to these individuals and their fami-
12 lies.

