

Senator Conyers offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 147.

A resolution to urge the Governor of Michigan and the Congress of the United States to demand Wendell Brown be released from detention in China.

Whereas, Wendell Brown, a former resident of Detroit, moved to China in 2015 in order to coach football, teach English, and operate his own fitness company. He is a peaceful man and an ambassador for American values; and

Whereas, Brown has been held in a Chinese jail since September 2016 without being convicted of any crime. Brown was arrested following an altercation in a bar in which he was accused of hitting a man. Brown has consistently maintained he was acting in self-defense, merely raising his arms to block a barrage of bottles being thrown at him. Brown's trial took place in July 2017 and the judge has still not rendered a verdict; and

Whereas, Detaining Brown for a year and a half under these circumstances is a gross miscarriage of justice requiring immediate remedy. Brown should not have to miss any more holidays or important family moments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Governor of Michigan and the Congress of the United States to demand Wendell Brown be released from detention in China; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.