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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, July 20, 2021 will mark 22 years since the
3 Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a systematic and brutal
4 campaign to "eradicate" the spiritual discipline of Falun
5 Gong, a traditional Buddhist-based meditation practice whose
6 core principles are truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, When this persecution first began in 1999, there
9 were 70 to 100 million people from all walks of life practicing
10 Falun Gong in China according to the Chinese government's own
11 estimate; persecution of Falun Gong is not limited to a
12 specific region; it is in every province, every city, and
13 every county throughout China; and

14 WHEREAS, A 2007 U.S. State Department Human Rights Report
15 states, "[the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Manfred] Nowak
16 reported that Falun Gong practitioners accounted for 66
17 percent of victims of alleged torture while in government
18 custody"; and

19 WHEREAS, Since July 1999, there have been 4,609 documented
20 cases of Falun Gong practitioners dying as a result of torture
21 and abuse in police custody, yet due to the danger and
22 difficulties of verifying each case and sending that

1 information overseas, the true death toll is widely believed
2 to be many times higher; and

3 WHEREAS, On June 17, 2019, an independent tribunal in
4 London, chaired by Sir Geoffrey Nice QC who worked at the
5 International Criminal Tribunal and led the prosecution of
6 Slobodan Milosevic, released its final judgment and concluded:
7 "Forced organ harvesting has been committed for years
8 throughout China on a significant scale and that Falun Gong
9 practitioners have been one - and probably the main - source of
10 organ supply"; and

11 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State Country Report on
12 Human Rights for China in 2014 stated, "Advocacy groups
13 continued to report instances of organ harvesting from
14 prisoners"; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2015, Freedom House reported that Falun Gong
16 practitioners comprise the largest portion of prisoners of
17 conscience in China and face an elevated risk of dying or being
18 killed while in custody; and

19 WHEREAS, The ramifications of such atrocities are beyond
20 the Chinese border, as many organ recipients are westerners,
21 and there has been much collaboration between the Chinese
22 transplant industry and western medical professionals and the

1 pharmaceutical industry; and

2 WHEREAS, As the current pandemic shows, a lack of
3 international censure to these horrific crimes has not only
4 cost the lives of innocent Chinese but also those of many in
5 the West; and

6 WHEREAS, One of the lead investigators of the CCP's
7 killing of Falun Gong practitioners for their organs, David
8 Matas, explained: "...if China had faced global pressure for
9 transparency and accountability in its health system in
10 dealing with organ transplant abuses, we wouldn't have this
11 coronavirus now. And we are suffering the consequences now of
12 turning a blind eye to organ transplant abuse"; and

13 WHEREAS, The CCP's mass campaign to vilify and eradicate
14 Falun Gong and its core values of truthfulness, compassion,
15 and tolerance is also an attack on the conscience of humanity
16 and corrupts the moral fabric of Chinese society; and

17 WHEREAS, This less visible yet more profound damage can
18 have consequences in the West too, as immigrants from such a
19 Chinese society are more likely to act as the CCP's surrogates
20 and conduct technology thefts or espionage activities; and

21 WHEREAS, A Chinese population with more access to free

1 information and more exposure to western values will be less
2 likely to become the CCP's accomplice or advance its agenda in
3 the international community; and

4 WHEREAS, The Washington Post reported in 1999 that many
5 influential people in the party, the government, and the
6 military practiced Falun Gong at that time, and Falun Gong
7 practitioners have a deep understanding about the CCP and know
8 best how to disintegrate it; and

9 WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners have been operating
10 200,000 or more underground printing houses to produce such
11 material across China in what likely constitutes the largest
12 non-violent, grassroots resistance in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, It was Falun Gong practitioners who spearheaded
14 international media companies that broadcast uncensored
15 information to China via satellite TV and shortwave radio; and

16 WHEREAS, It was Falun Gong practitioners who developed
17 free ground-breaking internet freedom software, Freegate and
18 Ultrasurf, which allow millions in China to bypass the Great
19 Firewall and reach entire sectors of the Internet that are
20 blocked by the CCP, as reported by the New York Times, Wall
21 Street Journal, and many other media outlets; and

1 WHEREAS, As a result, to date, over 371 million Chinese
2 people have withdrawn from the CCP and/or its affiliated
3 organizations (most used pseudo-names to avoid the CCP's
4 retaliation), a phenomenon similar to what happened right
5 before the collapse of the Soviet Union; and

6 WHEREAS, The killing of religious or political prisoners
7 for the purpose of selling their organs for transplant is an
8 egregious and intolerable violation of the fundamental right
9 to life; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we condemn the persecution of Falun Gong, a traditional
13 Buddhist-based meditation practice whose core principles are
14 truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, as it reaches the 22
15 year mark since the Chinese Communist Party launched a
16 systematic and brutal campaign to "eradicate" the spiritual
17 discipline of Falun Gong; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we encourage the medical community in the
19 United States to help raise awareness of unethical organ
20 transplant practices in China; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we condemn the practice of state-sanctioned
22 forced organ harvesting in the People's Republic of China.