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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Falun Gong is a peaceful and nonviolent form of personal belief with millions of adherents in China and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Falun Gong has been persecuted for over 6 years by the Chinese Communist Party, as documented by the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and many other governmental and third party organizations; and

WHEREAS, This persecution of the Falun Gong has involved the widespread use of torture; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese Communist authority is persecuting Falun Gong practitioners with this policy: "Defame their reputation, bankrupt them financially, destroy them physically"; and

WHEREAS, Over 2,800 Falun Gong practitioners have died from documented abuse, and some of their bodies were missing internal organs; and

WHEREAS, In Sujiatun, a suburb of the Chinese city of Shenyang, thousands of Falun Gong practitioners are held in a prison camp contrary to the laws of China and in violation of their human rights; and

WHEREAS, Shenyang is a sister city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Sujiatun prison camp is adjacent to a complex that contains 3 hospitals; and

WHEREAS, In the prison at Sujiatun the organs of Falun Gong adherents are harvested while they are alive, and their bodies

1 are immediately cremated; and

2 WHEREAS, The harvested organs are then used by the
3 hospitals associated with the prison for transplants, with the
4 customers for these transplants often being individuals from
5 the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, A witness, who worked at one of these hospitals
7 and whose ex-husband, a surgeon, helped perform the organ
8 harvesting, estimates that 4,000 Falun Gong practitioners have
9 died in the past 5 years through this organ harvesting; and

10 WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioner Yunhe Zhang, the sister of
11 Chicago resident Michelle Zhang, has been missing since she was
12 abducted by Chinese security forces more than 4 years ago; and

13 WHEREAS, Chinese President Hu Jintao will make an official
14 visit to the United States in April 2006; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we call upon the Chinese Communist Party to stop persecuting
18 Falun Gong practitioners; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we urge the United States government to
20 investigate organ transplants in China and take all reasonable
21 steps to bring an end to the revolting practice of harvesting
22 organs from living prisoners for transplants; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That we urge President George W. Bush to discuss
24 the Sujiatun prison situation with Chinese President Hu Jintao
25 when they meet in April at the White House; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That we recommend the City of Chicago end its
27 sister city relationship with the City of Shenyang, as an
28 expression of censure for the atrocities performed at Sujiatun;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we call upon the United States government to
3 prohibit any doctors who performed transplants using organs
4 harvested from living prisoners, such as those at Sujiatun
5 prison, from gaining entry into the United States; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
8 the Falun Gong practitioners of Illinois and that a copy of
9 this resolution be delivered to the President of the United
10 States of America, George W. Bush.