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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For the better part of two decades, China's
2 communist regime has been engaged in the vile practice of forcibly
3 removing human organs for transplant; and

4 WHEREAS, In June 2019, the independent China Tribunal
5 announced its finding that China's regime had for decades practiced
6 systematic forced organ removal from prisoners of conscience; it is
7 believed that organs have been harvested from hundreds of thousands
8 of incarcerated people, mainly Falun Gong practitioners, but
9 possibly also Tibetan Buddhists, House Church Christians, and
10 members of the Uyghur Muslim ethnic minority; and

11 WHEREAS, China has welcomed an influx of "transplant
12 tourism," whereby individuals critically in need of transplants pay
13 thousands of dollars for one of 60,000 to 90,000 transplant
14 surgeries conducted each year; the number of transplants far
15 exceeds the number of voluntary organ donations in the country;
16 moreover, Chinese hospitals are able to schedule transplants of
17 major organs within two weeks, suggesting nefarious foreknowledge
18 regarding the "donation" of these organs; by contrast, America's
19 highly developed organ donation system requires that recipients be
20 placed on a carefully curated list to await the transplant of an
21 organ; the timing of these transplants is not predictable, as an
22 organ may not be available for hundreds of days, or in time for a
23 specific patient; and

24 WHEREAS, Falun Gong, a spiritual practice centered on the

1 values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, became
2 immensely popular in the 1990s; in July 1999, the Chinese Communist
3 Party launched an intensive, nationwide persecution designed to
4 eradicate the spiritual practice; Freedom House reported in 2015
5 that Falun Gong practitioners are the primary victims of forced
6 organ removal and face an elevated risk of dying or being killed in
7 custody; and

8 WHEREAS, On July 20, 2020, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo
9 denounced 21 years of persecution of Falun Gong by China's
10 communist regime, declaring in a press statement: "We call on the
11 PRC government to immediately end its depraved abuse and
12 mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners, release those imprisoned
13 due to their beliefs, [. . .] and address the whereabouts of
14 missing practitioners. Twenty-one years of persecution of Falun
15 Gong practitioners is far too long, and it must end"; and

16 WHEREAS, United Nations Special Rapporteurs have called on
17 the Chinese government to account for the sources of organs used in
18 transplant practices, and the World Medical Association, the
19 American Society of Transplantation, and the Transplantation
20 Society have all called for sanctions on Chinese medical
21 authorities; resolutions condemning organ harvesting from
22 prisoners of conscience have been adopted by the parliaments of
23 Canada and the European Union, as well as by the Foreign Affairs
24 Committee of the United States House of Representatives, and it is
25 important to join the international outcry against this major
26 violation of human rights; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby strongly condemn China's practice of involuntary organ
2 harvesting; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 encourage the medical community to educate Texans about the risks
5 of travel to China for organ transplants to help prevent Texas
6 residents from unwittingly becoming involved in murder in the form
7 of forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 respectfully urge the United States Congress and the president of
11 the United States to pass laws and adopt measures prohibiting
12 collaboration between U.S. medical and pharmaceutical companies
13 and any Chinese counterparts linked with forced organ harvesting,
14 banning entry into the United States of those who have participated
15 in unethical removal of human tissues and organs, and providing for
16 the prosecution of such individuals.