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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The people of Iran have risen up powerfully against
2 the grim oppression of a cruel theocracy; and

3 WHEREAS, In September 2022, a vibrant young woman, Mahsa
4 Amini, was detained by the country's morality police for allegedly
5 wearing her headscarf improperly; she was killed in their custody,
6 and women took to the streets in protest, tossing their headscarves
7 onto bonfires, cutting off their long hair, and even engaging in
8 physical confrontations with police; demonstrations against the
9 savagery of gender apartheid and political persecution spread
10 across the country, filling the streets with defiant cries of
11 "Women, Life, Freedom" and vows to fight the dictatorship; and

12 WHEREAS, The government attempted a complete crackdown,
13 sending security forces to attack protesters with tear gas, batons,
14 and bullets; rather than retreating, the freedom movement grew in
15 size and determination, crossing lines of religion, class, age, and
16 ethnicity; it galvanized major cities, college campuses, and small
17 towns all across Iran, as chants of "I will defend my sister"
18 underlined the centrality of women in the struggle against a
19 corrupt and brutal regime; and

20 WHEREAS, Over 500 protesters have now been killed, including
21 some 70 children, according to human rights monitors; nearly 20,000
22 Iranians have been arrested, and at least 100 have received death
23 sentences or been charged with capital offences; sham trials have
24 already led to a number of executions; nevertheless, with women and

1 youth at the forefront, resistance to authoritarian rule continues;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Iranian women have taken the lead in a courageous
4 fight for liberty, justice, and human rights, becoming agents of
5 change, and their self-sacrifice and fierce resolve are a source of
6 tremendous inspiration to people the world over; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby express solidarity with the freedom movement in
10 Iran and heartily commend the brave women who lead it.