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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China is an adversary of 3 the United States, possessing authoritarian ideologies and social 4 credit programs that threaten the peace, freedom, and democracy 5 America has long defended across the world; and

6 WHEREAS, the Chinese Communist Party covered up the existence 7 and downplayed the seriousness of COVID-19, silencing journalists 8 and scientists who attempted to share information about China's 9 involvement in the origins of COVID-19, as well as ordering the 10 destruction of laboratory samples and research regarding COVID-19 11 in January 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, The Chinese Wuhan Municipal Health Commission 13 waited nearly a month to inform world authorities of the COVID-19 14 outbreak which originated from that region and was likely created 15 in a Chinese laboratory; and

16 WHEREAS, The Chinese Communist Party continues to spy on the 17 United States, recently evident in the Chinese surveillance balloon 18 that flew across the continental United States in violation of 19 international law; and

20 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China has stood against our 21 interests by stealing invaluable intellectual property; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese Communist Party continues to exert concerning influence in Texas agriculture and other sectors by purchasing large parcels of agricultural land throughout the State,

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posing a risk to the security of the United States and the State of
 Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China continues to 4 perpetrate unacceptable persecution of minority groups in its 5 borders, namely their abuses and crimes perpetrated against the 6 Uyghurs; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019, a Chinese court falsified charges
against Texan Mark Swidan and sentenced him to death, an action that
has widely been considered hostage diplomacy; and

10 WHEREAS, Chinese manufacturers are responsible for producing 11 the majority of the illicit fentanyl imported by transnational 12 cartels into the United States, with fentanyl being the leading 13 cause of death for Americans aged between 18 and 45; and

14 WHEREAS, 379 million deadly doses of fentanyl were seized by 15 U.S. authorities in 2022, enough to kill every American man, woman, 16 and child; and

WHEREAS, Rather than cooperate with U.S. officials to curb the production and exportation of chemicals used in fentanyl production, the Chinese Communist Party has turned a blind eye to the trafficking of fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances via international mail and express consignment carriers; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby condemn the Chinese Communist Party for their transgressions against the United States and the State of Texas, including their creation of an international pandemic, repeated violations of international law, and direct involvement in the American fentanyl

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1 crisis; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.