

1 posing a risk to the security of the United States and the State of
2 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

7 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019, a Chinese court falsified charges
8 against Texan Mark Swidan and sentenced him to death, an action that
9 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

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

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

1 crisis; and, be it further

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