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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In 2017, President Donald Trump designated November  
2 7 as a national day of remembrance for the victims of communism; and

3           WHEREAS, The date commemorates the anniversary of the  
4 Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1917, when the first communist  
5 regime, led by Vladimir Lenin, initiated decades of oppression and  
6 violence around the world; despite promises of equality and  
7 liberation, communist dictators such as Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong,  
8 Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot, Nicolae Ceausescu, Fidel and Raúl Castro, and  
9 the Kim dynasty of North Korea have murdered vast numbers of people  
10 in genocidal purges, persecuted others for speaking out, and  
11 suppressed freedom of thought, cultural life, and  
12 self-determination movements in more than 40 nations; and

13           WHEREAS, Based on the theories of Karl Marx, this political  
14 ideology has been responsible for the deaths of more than 100  
15 million people, and it has subjected countless others to some of the  
16 worst human rights abuses in history; as the bipartisan  
17 U.S. Congressional Caucus for the Victims of Communism has stated,  
18 "Marx's defenders often say he cannot be held accountable for what  
19 communist regimes did long after his life and death, but Marxist  
20 dictators who massacred their own people were applying communist  
21 ideology to political practice"; and

22           WHEREAS, The United States Congress has established the  
23 Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C., a  
24 nonprofit organization tasked with the dual purpose of educating

1 Americans about the history and legacy of communism and honoring  
2 those who have suffered and died under it; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than a century, communist regimes have  
4 deprived their own citizens of the freedoms of religion, speech,  
5 and association, and their official policies of coercion,  
6 brutality, and fear have proven incompatible with the ideals of  
7 liberty, prosperity, and the dignity of human life; now, therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize November 7, 2019, as Victims of  
11 Communism Memorial Day and commend all those associated with the  
12 Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation for their important work;  
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.