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R E S O L U T I O N

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 House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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

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

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