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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Uyghurs are a predominantly Muslim,
2 Turkic-speaking ethnic group with a population of approximately 11
3 million in Xinjiang, a northwestern region of China; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 2017, China's government has forcibly
5 transferred more than one million Uyghurs to reeducation camps, and
6 experts estimate that there are over 1,000 camps throughout the
7 country, including hundreds in Xinjiang; the arbitrary detention of
8 Uyghurs follows a series of 2014 speeches delivered by China's
9 president, Xi Jinping, who advocated for the use of "dictatorship"
10 to fight the "toxicity of religious extremism"; and

11 WHEREAS, Many former detainees who fled China have spoken out
12 about the camps' harsh conditions; they report being forced to
13 renounce Islam and to pledge loyalty to the Chinese Communist
14 Party, as well as being subjected to strict surveillance, torture,
15 sexual abuse, and compulsory sterilization; in addition, an
16 international tribunal concluded that the Chinese government has
17 harvested the organs of some detainees against their will; and

18 WHEREAS, Thousands of Uyghurs have been involuntarily sent to
19 work in the factories of large, multinational corporations; in June
20 2020, Congress passed legislation that requires U.S. businesses
21 involved with Xinjiang to ensure that their activities do not
22 contribute to human rights violations; and

23 WHEREAS, In January 2021, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike
24 Pompeo declared that China is committing crimes against humanity

1 and genocide against Uyghurs, and current U.S. Secretary of State
2 Antony Blinken later affirmed this declaration; subsequently, the
3 Canadian and Dutch parliaments passed nonbinding motions to use the
4 term "genocide" in reference to China's actions against Uyghurs;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The atrocities committed by China's government have
7 infringed on the rights of countless people, and any past, present,
8 or future efforts to support the Uyghur genocide should be
9 condemned; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby strongly condemn the actions of president Xi
12 Jinping and the Chinese government, recognize the Chinese treatment
13 of Uyghurs as genocide, and urge all multinational corporations to
14 stop all use of forced labor in their factories and facilities.