

1 WHEREAS, Falun Gong, a spiritual practice centered on the
2 values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, became
3 immensely popular in the 1990s; in July 1999, the Chinese Communist
4 Party launched an intensive, nationwide persecution designed to
5 eradicate the spiritual practice; Freedom House reported in 2015
6 that Falun Gong practitioners are the primary victims of forced
7 organ removal and face an elevated risk of dying or being killed in
8 custody; and

9 WHEREAS, On July 20, 2020, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo
10 denounced 21 years of persecution of Falun Gong by China's
11 communist regime, declaring in a press statement: "We call on the
12 PRC government to immediately end its depraved abuse and
13 mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners, release those imprisoned
14 due to their beliefs, [. . .] and address the whereabouts of
15 missing practitioners. Twenty-one years of persecution of Falun
16 Gong practitioners is far too long, and it must end"; and

17 WHEREAS, United Nations Special Rapporteurs have called on
18 the Chinese government to account for the sources of organs used in
19 transplant practices, and the World Medical Association, the
20 American Society of Transplantation, and the Transplantation
21 Society have all called for sanctions on Chinese medical
22 authorities; resolutions condemning organ harvesting from
23 prisoners of conscience have been adopted by the parliaments of
24 Canada and the European Union, as well as by the United States House
25 of Representatives, and it is important to join the international
26 outcry against this major violation of human rights; now,
27 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby strongly condemn China's practice of involuntary organ
3 harvesting; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 encourage the medical community to educate Texans about the risks
6 of travel to China for organ transplants to help prevent Texas
7 residents from unwittingly becoming involved in murder in the form
8 of forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 respectfully urge the United States Congress and the president of
12 the United States to pass laws and adopt measures prohibiting
13 collaboration between U.S. medical and pharmaceutical companies
14 and any Chinese counterparts linked with forced organ harvesting,
15 banning entry into the United States of those who have participated
16 in unethical removal of human tissues and organs, and providing for
17 the prosecution of such individuals.