

1-1 By: Paxton, et al. S.C.R. No. 3
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1-4 Services; April 8, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>X</u>			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 3 By: Perry

1-19 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-20 WHEREAS, For the better part of two decades, China's
1-21 communist regime has been engaged in the vile practice of forcibly
1-22 removing human organs for transplant; and

1-23 WHEREAS, In June 2019, the independent China Tribunal
1-24 announced its finding that China's regime had for decades practiced
1-25 systematic forced organ removal from prisoners of conscience; it is
1-26 believed that organs have been harvested from hundreds of thousands
1-27 of incarcerated people, mainly Falun Gong practitioners, but
1-28 possibly also Tibetan Buddhists, House Church Christians, and
1-29 members of the Uyghur Muslim ethnic minority; and

1-30 WHEREAS, China has welcomed an influx of "transplant
1-31 tourism," whereby individuals critically in need of transplants pay
1-32 thousands of dollars for one of 60,000 to 90,000 transplant
1-33 surgeries conducted each year; the number of transplants far
1-34 exceeds the number of voluntary organ donations in the country;
1-35 moreover, Chinese hospitals are able to schedule transplants of
1-36 major organs within two weeks, suggesting nefarious foreknowledge
1-37 regarding the "donation" of these organs; by contrast, America's
1-38 highly developed organ donation system requires that recipients be
1-39 placed on a carefully curated list to await the transplant of an
1-40 organ; the timing of these transplants is not predictable, as an
1-41 organ may not be available for hundreds of days, or in time for a
1-42 specific patient; and

1-43 WHEREAS, Falun Gong, a spiritual practice centered on the
1-44 values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, became
1-45 immensely popular in the 1990s; in July 1999, the Chinese Communist
1-46 Party launched an intensive, nationwide persecution designed to
1-47 eradicate the spiritual practice; Freedom House reported in 2015
1-48 that Falun Gong practitioners are the primary victims of forced
1-49 organ removal and face an elevated risk of dying or being killed in
1-50 custody; and

1-51 WHEREAS, On July 20, 2020, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo
1-52 denounced 21 years of persecution of Falun Gong by China's
1-53 communist regime, declaring in a press statement: "We call on the
1-54 PRC government to immediately end its depraved abuse and
1-55 mistreatment of Falun Gong practitioners, release those imprisoned
1-56 due to their beliefs, [. . .] and address the whereabouts of
1-57 missing practitioners. Twenty-one years of persecution of Falun
1-58 Gong practitioners is far too long, and it must end"; and

1-59 WHEREAS, United Nations Special Rapporteurs have called on
1-60 the Chinese government to account for the sources of organs used in

2-1 transplant practices, and the World Medical Association, the
2-2 American Society of Transplantation, and the Transplantation
2-3 Society have all called for sanctions on Chinese medical
2-4 authorities; resolutions condemning organ harvesting from
2-5 prisoners of conscience have been adopted by the parliaments of
2-6 Canada and the European Union, as well as by the United States House
2-7 of Representatives, and it is important to join the international
2-8 outcry against this major violation of human rights; now,
2-9 therefore, be it

2-10 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
2-11 hereby strongly condemn China's practice of involuntary organ
2-12 harvesting; and, be it further

2-13 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
2-14 encourage the medical community to educate Texans about the risks
2-15 of travel to China for organ transplants to help prevent Texas
2-16 residents from unwittingly becoming involved in murder in the form
2-17 of forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience; and, be it
2-18 further

2-19 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
2-20 respectfully urge the United States Congress and the president of
2-21 the United States to pass laws and adopt measures prohibiting
2-22 collaboration between U.S. medical and pharmaceutical companies
2-23 and any Chinese counterparts linked with forced organ harvesting,
2-24 banning entry into the United States of those who have participated
2-25 in unethical removal of human tissues and organs, and providing for
2-26 the prosecution of such individuals.

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