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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Falun Gong is a peaceful spiritual practice with  
3 key values of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance for  
4 achieving physical and spiritual well-being through exercise  
5 and meditation; and

6           WHEREAS, Falun Gong has benefitted tens of millions in  
7 China and elsewhere; and

8           WHEREAS, Since July 1999, Falun Gong practitioners have  
9 been persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party, as documented  
10 by the United States Department of State, the U.S. Commission  
11 on International Religious Freedom, Amnesty International,  
12 Human Rights Watch, and many other governmental and third-party  
13 organizations; and

14           WHEREAS, This persecution of the Falun Gong has involved  
15 the widespread use of torture; and

16           WHEREAS, The Chinese Communist authority is persecuting  
17 Falun Gong practitioners with this policy: "Defame their  
18 reputation, bankrupt them financially, destroy them  
19 physically"; and

20           WHEREAS, Over 3,700 Falun Gong practitioners have died from

1 documented abuse, and some of their bodies were missing  
2 internal organs; and

3 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State in its 2011 Country  
4 Reports on Human Rights Practices stated, "Overseas and  
5 domestic media and advocacy groups continued to report  
6 instances of organ harvesting, particularly from Falun Gong  
7 practitioners and Uighurs"; and

8 WHEREAS, Canadian human rights attorney David Matas and  
9 former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific David  
10 Kilgour co-wrote the investigative report "Bloody Harvest:  
11 Revised Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun  
12 Gong Practitioners in China"; and

13 WHEREAS, The Matas-Kilgour report concluded that the organ  
14 harvesting allegations were true and that tens of thousands of  
15 Falun Gong practitioners may have been killed for their organs;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The harvested organs are then used by the  
18 hospitals associated with the prison for transplants, with the  
19 customers for these transplants often being individuals from  
20 elsewhere, including the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, Researcher and journalist Ethan Gutmann estimates

1 that approximately 65,000 Falun Gong adherents may have been  
2 killed for their organs from 2000 to 2008, and that a smaller  
3 number of other religious and ethnic minorities may also have  
4 been targeted; and

5 WHEREAS, In May 2012, the World Organization to Investigate  
6 the Persecution of Falun Gong released telephone transcripts  
7 and audio recordings of conversations between undercover  
8 investigators and senior Chinese Communist Party officials, in  
9 which several officials indicated that central authorities  
10 were aware of or involved in organ harvesting from Falun Gong  
11 prisoners; and

12 WHEREAS, Kirk C. Allison, Ph.D., Director of the Program in  
13 Human Rights and Health of the University of Minnesota School  
14 of Public Health, testified in 2006 before the Subcommittee on  
15 Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on International  
16 Relations, U.S. House of Representatives, on the topic of his  
17 report, "Mounting Evidence of Falun Gong Practitioners used as  
18 Organ Sources in China and Related Ethical Responsibilities";  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we call upon the Chinese Communist Party to immediately stop  
23 persecuting Falun Gong practitioners; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the United States government and the  
2 U.S. President to investigate organ transplants in China and  
3 take all reasonable steps to bring an end to the revolting  
4 practice of harvesting organs from living Falun Gong  
5 practitioners for transplants; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That we request the United States government to  
7 prohibit any doctors who performed transplants using organs  
8 harvested from Falun Gong practitioners from gaining entry into  
9 the United States; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 presented to the Falun Gong practitioners of Illinois, the  
12 President of the United States of America Barack Obama, and the  
13 Chinese Ambassador to the United States Cui Tiankai.