

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Falun Gong, which is also known as Falun Dafa,  
3 is a discipline of personal beliefs that incorporates  
4 exercise, meditation, and principles based on truthfulness,  
5 compassion, and forbearance; its millions of practitioners  
6 work to attain inner peace, good health, and better skills to  
7 deal with stress and conflict in life; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the past several years, authorities in the  
9 People's Republic of China have taken strong and brutal  
10 actions against practitioners of Falun Gong; reports indicate  
11 that tens of thousands of people have been tortured and sent  
12 to labor camps, and property owned by those who follow this  
13 discipline has been destroyed or confiscated; the aggressive  
14 actions taken by the state reflect a systematic commitment to  
15 eliminate Falun Gong and those who pursue it; and

16 WHEREAS, The persecution of practitioners of Falun Gong  
17 is in apparent violation of the People's Republic of China's  
18 own constitution and a flagrant violation of standards of  
19 human rights recognized by the United Nations and most  
20 governments of the world; and

21 WHEREAS, Citizens of Illinois who practice Falun Gong and  
22 those who understand this discipline cannot fathom the  
23 reaction of the Chinese authorities; indeed, those who value  
24 human rights seek an increase of efforts to urge the People's  
25 Republic of China to halt this persecution; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we urge the United States Secretary of State to increase  
29 efforts to urge the People's Republic of China to recognize  
30 and protect the human rights of its citizens and halt the  
31 persecution against practitioners of Falun Gong; and be it  
32 further

1           RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
2 the United States Secretary of State, the President of the  
3 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House  
4 of Representatives, and the members of the Illinois  
5 congressional delegation.