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To require the Secretary of State to establish a memorial to honor victims of genocide and crimes against humanity committed by the Chinese Communist Party and individuals otherwise persecuted in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring the Victims
5 of Communist China’s Tyranny Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) INTERNATIONAL PARK.—The term “Inter-
 2 national Park” means the public park and
 3 landscaped area located in Northwest Washington,
 4 District of Columbia, in the vicinity of 3505 Inter-
 5 national Place NW, bounded generally by Inter-
 6 national Place NW and International Drive NW.

7 (2) MEMORIAL.—The term “memorial” means
 8 the memorial established under section 3.

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 10 the Secretary of State.

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMORIAL.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
 13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
 14 tablish a memorial in International Park.

15 (b) PURPOSE.—The memorial shall honor—

16 (1) victims of genocide and crimes against hu-
 17 manity committed by the Chinese Communist Party,
 18 especially those who have suffered persecution under
 19 policies implemented during Xi Jinping’s tenure as
 20 General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party;
 21 and

22 (2) individuals otherwise persecuted for the
 23 peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights, in-
 24 cluding the free exercise of their political and reli-
 25 gious beliefs, in the People’s Republic of China.

1 (c) MESSAGE OF THE MEMORIAL.—The memorial
2 shall include language expressing—

3 (1) the solidarity and friendship of the people
4 of the United States with the people of the People’s
5 Republic of China; and

6 (2) the hope and prayer that the Chinese people
7 may one day enjoy the blessings of liberty.

8 (d) EDUCATIONAL AND INTERPRETIVE ELE-
9 MENTS.—To the extent practicable, the memorial shall in-
10 clude—

11 (1) educational or interpretive elements (includ-
12 ing inscriptions and artwork) describing—

13 (A) the genocide of Uyghurs and other eth-
14 nic and religious minorities in Xinjiang;

15 (B) efforts to suppress the culture, reli-
16 gion, history, and language of Tibetans and
17 Southern Mongolians;

18 (C) the imprisonment and persecution of
19 democracy advocates, journalists, religious lead-
20 ers, and political prisoners in the People’s Re-
21 public of China, including Jimmy Lai;

22 (D) restrictions on freedom of religion,
23 speech, association, and the press in the Peo-
24 ple’s Republic of China; and

1 (E) the broader historical consequences of
2 authoritarian repression and crimes against hu-
3 manity; and

4 (2) other educational or interpretive elements
5 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

6 (e) EXISTING MEMORIALS.—In establishing the me-
7 morial, the Secretary shall not remove, relocate, or materi-
8 ally alter any memorial located within International Park
9 as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The memorial shall be adminis-
12 tered by the Secretary.

13 (b) CONSULTATION.—In designing, constructing, and
14 maintaining the memorial, the Secretary may consult
15 with—

16 (1) survivors of persecution, genocide, imprison-
17 ment, or political repression in the People's Republic
18 of China, especially those persecuted during Xi
19 Jinping's tenure as General Secretary of the Chinese
20 Communist Party;

21 (2) family members of victims;

22 (3) organizations promoting democracy, human
23 rights, ethnic and religious freedom, or freedom of
24 expression in the People's Republic of China; and

1 (4) any other individual, organization, or Fed-
2 eral agency as the Secretary determines appropriate.

3 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

4 (a) **USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.**—Subject to sub-
5 section (b), the Secretary may use amounts otherwise ap-
6 propriated to the Department of State, including the Bu-
7 reau of Administration, to carry out this Act.

8 (b) **LIMITATION.**—

9 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The amount of Federal
10 funds expended for the design and construction of
11 the memorial may not exceed \$500,000.

12 (2) **EXCEPTION.**—The expenditure of donated
13 funds shall not be subject to the limitation under
14 paragraph (1).

15 (c) **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.**—The Secretary
16 may, in accordance with applicable law, solicit, accept, and
17 use private donations for the establishment, maintenance,
18 preservation, and improvement of the memorial.

19 (d) **NO ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-**
20 **PRIATIONS.**—No additional funds are authorized to be ap-
21 propriated to carry out this Act.

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