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# S. RES. 317

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Commending the courage, bravery, and resolve of the fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters of Cuba, who, 4 years ago, stood in the face of brutal harassment, beatings, and torture to protest against the Communist Cuban regime, demanding access to their fundamental rights to life, dignity, and freedom.

Whereas July 11, 2025, marks 4 years since the historic, pro-democracy demonstration in Cuba when thousands of courageous Cubans took to the streets in more than 40 cities, across all provinces, to demand access to their freedoms and civil liberties and call for an end to communism, censorship, and the oppression imposed by the totalitarian Cuban regime;

Whereas, in an attempt to silence the Cuban people and prevent future protests from taking place, the Cuban dictatorship responded with a wave of terror, repression, and criminalization and detained and persecuted more than 1,400 protestors, including women and children;

Whereas, in a crude and savage effort to silence the Cuban people, the Communist regime cut internet connectivity and mobile services throughout Cuba, which hindered the Cuban people from organizing and hid from the outside world images and videos of the oppressive and brutal crackdown by the regime;

Whereas totalitarian regimes such as Communist China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, and Nicaragua continue to surveil and repress their citizens in a similar manner to the Cuban regime, with China maintaining electronic surveillance facilities in Cuba to spy on Americans and citizens of China abroad;

Whereas the ongoing imprisonment of José Daniel Ferrer García and hundreds of other Cuban human rights and democracy activists who have worked tirelessly to advocate for fundamental civil liberties for the Cuban people continues to demonstrate the brutal, despotic nature of the regime in Cuba, which aims to silence anyone who would dare speak out against its cruelty and barbarity;

Whereas, according to human rights organizations, since the July 11, 2021, protests, hundreds of Cuban activists have been subjected to months of solitary confinement, physical and psychological torture, and inhumane treatment from Cuban operatives, resulting in dire health conditions;

Whereas many imprisoned Cuban democracy activists continue to suffer from severe health complications, malnutrition, and physical signs of repeated torture while being denied adequate medical care and contact with their families;

Whereas, 4 years after the historic demonstration, an unknown number of protesters remain in prison, including minors, many are being held without access to or communication with family members, international human rights organizations, or legal counsel, and some have been disappeared;

Whereas, in an effort to intimidate Cubans from daring to protest again, the Cuban regime has continued to hold mass sham “trials” that lack any semblance of due process and has imposed disproportionate prison terms of up to 25 years for ill-defined charges such as “public disorder, contempt, or violence”;

Whereas the brutal and illegitimate Communist regime remains terrified of the brave and resilient men and women of Cuba who stand resolute in speaking out against the regime’s humanitarian crimes and efforts to persecute, kidnap, torture, and kill anyone who stands up against its tyranny;

Whereas the economic situation in Cuba has continued to deteriorate under the failed policies of the Communist regime, with widespread shortages of food, medicine, and basic necessities affecting the daily lives of the Cuban people;

Whereas the corruption and failures of Cuba’s closed, Communist economy, in which many industries are run by the

Cuban military, have continued to fail the people of Cuba while enriching the regime's elite;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump has strengthened the policy of the United States toward Cuba through a National Security Presidential Memorandum that restores a robust Cuba policy, ends economic practices that disproportionately benefit the Cuban government and military, enforces the statutory ban on United States tourism to Cuba, supports the economic embargo, and mandates a review of human rights abuses in Cuba, demonstrating a firm commitment to standing with the Cuban people in their quest for justice, liberty, and freedom; and

Whereas the international community should stand in solidarity with the Cuban people in condemning the human rights atrocities committed by the brutal, illegitimate, totalitarian, Communist regime and should demand freedom and democracy for the men, women, and children of Cuba: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commends the bravery, courage, and resolve  
3       of the members of the pro-democracy movement and  
4       all freedom activists in Cuba for risking their lives  
5       to bring freedom to the Cuban people;

6               (2) condemns the continued repression of the  
7       hundreds of pro-democracy activists and political  
8       prisoners, including children, that the Cuban regime  
9       is unjustly detaining and subjecting to physical and  
10      psychological torture, and calls for their immediate  
11      and unconditional release;

1           (3) condemns the Cuban regime’s brutal, totali-  
2           tarian dictatorship and demands an end to the suf-  
3           fering of the men, women, and children of Cuba and  
4           the impunity of the regime’s human rights abusers;

5           (4) calls for the international community to  
6           stand with the Cuban people and speak out against  
7           the Cuban regime’s repressive acts and infringement  
8           on fundamental freedoms, such as expression, belief,  
9           and assembly;

10          (5) urges the international community to hold  
11          the Cuban regime accountable for its human rights  
12          violations through coordinated sanctions and diplo-  
13          matic pressure;

14          (6) calls upon the administration of President  
15          Trump to put democracy, human rights, and civil  
16          liberties at the core of its Cuba policy by maintain-  
17          ing strong sanctions on the Cuban regime until all  
18          conditions in United States law for removing sanc-  
19          tions are met;

20          (7) supports the right of the Cuban people to  
21          peaceful assembly and free expression, and con-  
22          demns any efforts by the Cuban regime to suppress  
23          those fundamental rights; and

24          (8) encourages continued support for Cuban  
25          civil society organizations and independent media

- 1 that work to promote democracy and human rights
- 2 in Cuba.

