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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas 9 years ago on June 4, 1989, thousands of Chinese students peacefully gathered in Tiananmen Square to demonstrate their support for freedom and democracy;

Whereas it was with horror that the world witnessed the response of the Government of the People's Republic of China as tanks and military units marched into Tiananmen Square;

Whereas Chinese soldiers of the People's Republic of China were ordered to fire machine guns and tanks on young, unarmed civilians;

Whereas "children were killed holding hands with their mothers", according to a reliable eyewitness account;

Whereas according to the same eyewitness account, "students were crushed by armored personnel carriers";

Whereas more than 2,000 Chinese pro-democracy demonstrators died that day, according to the Chinese Red Cross;

Whereas hundreds continue to languish in prisons because of their belief in freedom and democracy;

Whereas 9 years after the massacre on June 4, 1989, the Government of the People's Republic of China has yet to acknowledge the Tiananmen Square massacre; and

Whereas, being formally received in Tiananmen Square, the President would bestow legitimacy on the Chinese Government's horrendous actions of 9 years ago: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2   *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the  
 3   President should reconsider his decision to be formally re-  
 4   ceived in Tiananmen Square until the Government of the  
 5   People's Republic of China acknowledges the Tiananmen  
 6   Square massacre, pledges that such atrocities will never

- 1 happen again, and releases those Chinese students still im-
- 2 prisoned for supporting freedom and democracy that day.

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Attest:

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