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Expressing the sense of the Senate that Rebiya Kadeer, her family member and business associate, should be released by the People's Republic of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WELLSTONE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that Rebiya Kadeer, her family member and business associate, should be released by the People's Republic of China.

Whereas members of the Uighur minority population in Xinjiang, China, are subject to ongoing repression and violations of their internationally recognized rights of free expression, association, and belief;

Whereas on August 11, 1999, the Government of the People's Republic of China arbitrarily detained Rebiya Kadeer, a prominent and respected Uighur businesswoman well-known in the United States;

Whereas from 1993 to 1998, Ms. Kadeer was an elected member of the Provincial People's Political Consultative Conference in Xinjiang;

Whereas in 1995, Ms. Kadeer was a delegate to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing;

Whereas the police have detained Ms. Kadeer previously and kept her under close surveillance, threatening her because of the alleged separatist activities of her husband, who came to the United States in 1996 and was granted political asylum after publishing articles critical of the Chinese Government;

Whereas on September 2, 1999, Chinese authorities formally charged Ms. Kadeer with “illegally offering state secrets across the border”, and she is currently detained in Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang;

Whereas Ms. Kadeer’s son, Ablikim Abdyirim, and her secretary, Kahriman Abdukirim, were also arbitrarily detained by Chinese security forces in August 1999 in Urumqi, without any justification or evidence of their involvement in criminal activities of any kind; and

Whereas on November 20, 1999, Ablikim Abdyirim was sent for 2 years to the Wulabai Reeducation Through Labor School, without charge or judicial review, in clear violation of international human rights standards, and Kahriman Abdukirim received a 3-year sentence in the same facility: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, that the President should express to the
- 2 representatives of the Government of the People’s Repub-
- 3 lic of China the sense of the Senate that Ms. Kadeer, her
- 4 family member and business associate, should be imme-
- 5 diately and unconditionally released.

