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# H. CON. RES. 188

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should cease its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners.

Whereas Falun Gong is a peaceful and nonviolent form of personal belief and practice with millions of adherents in the People's Republic of China and elsewhere;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China has forbidden Falun Gong practitioners to practice their beliefs, and has systematically attempted to eradicate the practice and those who follow it;

Whereas this policy violates the Constitution of the People's Republic of China as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Whereas Jiang Zemin's regime has created notorious government "610" offices throughout the People's Republic of China with the special task of overseeing the persecution of Falun Gong members through organized brainwashing, torture, and murder;

Whereas propaganda from state-controlled media in the People's Republic of China has inundated the public in an attempt to breed hatred and discrimination;

Whereas the number of known deaths from torture has reached 422 so far, tens of thousands have been tortured while confined in labor camps, prisons, and mental hospitals, and hundreds of thousands have been forced to attend brainwashing classes;

Whereas official measures have been taken to conceal all atrocities, such as the immediate cremation of victims, the blocking of autopsies, and the false labeling of deaths as from suicide or natural causes;

Whereas women in particular have been the target of numerous forms of sexual violence, including rape, sexual assault, and forced abortion;

Whereas the campaign of persecution has been generated by the Government of the People's Republic of China, is carried out by government officials and police at all levels, and has permeated every segment of society and every level of government in the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas several United States citizens and permanent resident aliens have been subjected to arbitrary detention, imprisoned, and tortured in the People's Republic of China: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3           (1) the Government of the People's Republic of  
 4       China should cease its persecution of Falun Gong  
 5       practitioners, and its representatives in the United  
 6       States should cease their harassment of citizens and  
 7       residents of the United States who practice Falun  
 8       Gong and cease their attempts to put pressure on  
 9       officials of State and local governments in the  
 10      United States to refuse or withdraw support for the  
 11      Falun Gong and its practitioners;

12          (2) the United States Government should use  
 13      every appropriate public and private forum to urge  
 14      the Government of the People's Republic of China—

15           (A) to release from detention all Falun  
 16      Gong practitioners and put an end to the prac-  
 17      tices of torture and other cruel, inhumane, and  
 18      degrading treatment against them and other  
 19      prisoners of conscience; and

20           (B) to abide by the International Covenant  
 21      on Civil and Political Rights and the Universal  
 22      Declaration of Human Rights by allowing

1           Falun Gong practitioners to pursue their per-  
2           sonal beliefs; and

3           (3) the United States Government should inves-  
4           tigate allegations of illegal activities in the United  
5           States of the Government of the People's Republic  
6           of China and its representatives and agents, includ-  
7           ing allegations of unlawful harassment of United  
8           States citizens and residents who practice Falun  
9           Gong and of officials of State and local governments  
10          in the United States who support Falun Gong, and  
11          should take appropriate action, including but not  
12          limited to enforcement of the immigration laws,  
13          against any such representatives or agents who en-  
14          gage in such illegal activities.

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2002.

Attest:

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*Clerk.*