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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the President and Congress of the United
3 States, urging the President and Congress to condemn
4 the People's Republic of China for its practice of
5 forcibly removing human organs for transplant and to
6 pass and adopt certain punitive legislation and
7 measures against China for such violation of human
8 rights.

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10 WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, the communist regime of
11 the People's Republic of China has been engaged in the vile
12 practice of forcibly removing human organs for transplant, and

13 WHEREAS, on June 17, 2019, the Independent Tribunal Into
14 Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in China
15 released its final judgment containing the finding that China's
16 communist regime has for decades practiced systematic forced
17 organ removal from prisoners of conscience, including Falun Gong
18 practitioners, Tibetan Buddhists, House Church Christians, and
19 the Uyghurs, and

20 WHEREAS, China has welcomed an influx of transplant tourism
21 whereby individuals who are critically in need of transplants
22 pay thousands of dollars for one of the 60,000 to 90,000
23 transplant surgeries conducted each year, with the number of
24 transplants far exceeding the number of voluntary organ
25 donations in the country, and

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26 WHEREAS, while a patient in the United States is typically
27 placed on a waiting list for the transplant of an organ, which
28 may not be available for months, Chinese hospitals are able to
29 schedule transplants of major organs within 2 weeks, suggesting
30 nefarious foreknowledge regarding the circumstances surrounding
31 the donation of these organs, and

32 WHEREAS, in July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party launched
33 an intensive, nationwide persecution of Falun Gong, a spiritual
34 practice centered on the values of truthfulness, compassion, and
35 tolerance, and

36 WHEREAS, in 2015, Freedom House, a nonprofit,
37 nongovernmental organization, reported that Falun Gong
38 practitioners are the primary victims of forced organ removal
39 and face an elevated risk of dying or being killed while
40 imprisoned, and

41 WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, former Secretary of State
42 Michael R. Pompeo denounced 21 years of persecution of Falun
43 Gong practitioners by China's communist regime, and

44 WHEREAS, the United Nations Committee Against Torture and
45 the Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or
46 Degrading Treatment or Punishment have called on the Chinese
47 government to account for the sources of organs used in its
48 transplant practices, and

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49 WHEREAS, several organizations have called for the
 50 imposition of sanctions on Chinese medical authorities for
 51 China's transplant practices, and

52 WHEREAS, the parliaments of Canada and the European Union,
 53 as well as the United States House of Representatives Committee
 54 on Foreign Affairs, have adopted resolutions condemning organ
 55 harvesting from prisoners of conscience, and

56 WHEREAS, it is imperative to join the international outcry
 57 against this major violation of human rights by the People's
 58 Republic of China, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 60 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 62 That the President and Congress of the United States are
 63 urged to condemn the People's Republic of China for its practice
 64 of forcibly removing human organs for transplant and to pass
 65 legislation and adopt measures that prohibit collaboration
 66 between United States medical and pharmaceutical companies and
 67 any Chinese counterparts linked with forced organ harvesting,
 68 that ban individuals who have participated in the unethical
 69 removal of human tissues and organs from entering the United
 70 States, and that provide for the prosecution of such
 71 individuals.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 73 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the

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74 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
75 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
76 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.