
HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND PERSECUTION
AGAINST MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE FALUN GONG IN CHINA.

1 WHEREAS, the Falun Gong is a spiritual movement which was
2 outlawed in China in 1999; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Falun Gong was initially hailed by government
5 officials at its inception as a method of improving the health
6 of the population, but quickly fell out of favor with the
7 Communist party; and
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9 WHEREAS, practitioners and supporters of Falun Gong have
10 been arrested and punished in part because the Communist Party
11 felt threatened by Falun Gong, whose members outnumber Communist
12 Party members; and
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14 WHEREAS, after the ban, Chinese authorities lodged a
15 campaign of violent suppression that has been condemned by the
16 international community, including the U.S. Department of State
17 in an official U.S. Department of State Report in 2003; and
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19 WHEREAS, the human rights atrocities perpetrated against
20 the Falun Gong include labor camps and a secret concentration
21 camp in Northeast China, which serves as an organ bank where
22 organs are allegedly harvested from living Falun Gong
23 practitioners; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2007, that it expresses its strongest concern over
28 the human rights abuses and persecution against members and
29 practitioners of Falun Gong; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to Embassy of the People's Republic of
33 China; Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the U.S.



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1 Department of State, each member of Hawaii's Congressional
2 Delegation, and the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of
3 Falun Gong.
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