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SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that it expresses its
28 strongest concern over the human rights abuses and persecution
29 against members and practitioners of Falun Gong; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Embassy of the People's
33 Republic of China; Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor



S.C.R. NO. 2

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