
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING FAIR AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF THE UYGHURS, ETHNIC KAZAKHS,
KYRGYZ, AND MEMBERS OF OTHER MUSLIM MINORITY GROUPS IN THE
XINJIANG UYGHUR AUTONOMOUS REGION IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA

1 WHEREAS, Article 2 of the 1948 United Nations Convention on
2 the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
3 which both the United States and the People's Republic of China
4 have ratified, defines genocide as "any of the following acts
5 committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a
6 national, ethnical, racial, or religious groups, as such: (a)
7 killing members of the group (b) causing serious bodily or
8 mental harm to members of the group (c) deliberately inflicting
9 on the group conditions of life, calculated to bring about its
10 physical destruction in whole or in part; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Eli Wisen Genocide and Atrocities Prevention
13 Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-441) states that it is the policy of
14 the United States to regard the prevention of atrocities as in
15 its national interest"; and

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17 WHEREAS, since 2017, the Government of the People's
18 Republic of China has detained an estimated 1,800,000 Turkic
19 Muslims, mostly Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of
20 other Muslim minority groups, in internment camps without due
21 process; and

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23 WHEREAS, detained Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and
24 members of other Muslim minority groups are reportedly tortured,
25 coerced to disavow their religious beliefs and cultural
26 practices, compelled to work in forced labor programs, and, in
27 some cases, raped, subjected to involuntary forced abortion,
28 sterilization, and forced organ harvesting; and

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30 WHEREAS, sterilization rates in Xinjiang grew seven-fold
31 from 2016 to 2018 to more than 60,000 procedures; and



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2 WHEREAS, nearly 500,000 Muslim children in Xinjiang have
3 been forcibly separated from their families and subjected to
4 indoctrination and inhumane and degrading treatment in state-run
5 boarding schools; and

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7 WHEREAS, Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of
8 other Muslim minority groups in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous
9 Region are subjected to constant, unwarranted, and intrusive
10 mass surveillance through the use of new and emerging
11 technologies, including facial recognition software, artificial
12 intelligence, and genetic testing; and

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14 WHEREAS, between 2017 and 2019, an estimated 80,000
15 Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim
16 minority groups were forcibly transferred out of Xinjiang Uyghur
17 Autonomous Region to work in factories across China, which
18 raises serious concerns of forced labor being used in global
19 supply chains; and

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21 WHEREAS, the policies of the Government of the People's
22 Republic of China are in contravention of international human
23 rights instruments signed by that government; and

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25 WHEREAS, as of January 2021 the Parliament of Canada, the
26 Netherlands, and the United States government have officially
27 recognized the genocide of the Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz,
28 and members of other Muslim minority groups.

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30 WHEREAS, Hawaii being a melting pot that consists of people
31 originating from all of over the world including people of
32 Chinese origin understand the plight that they are facing and
33 feel their pain; and

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35 WHEREAS, Hawaii and its legislative representatives have an
36 earnest desire to uphold American ideals of freedom from
37 religious and racially motivated persecution; now therefore,

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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
40 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
41 of 2021, that this body encourages the People's Republic of



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1 China to deal with and treat its ethnic Muslim minorities,
 2 especially its Uyghur minority in a fair and humane manner as
 3 per the tenants of Article 2 of the 1948 United Nations
 4 Convention on the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of
 5 Genocide; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the US
 8 Government and US-owned companies to form global partnerships to
 9 ensure that businesses are not supporting, enabling, or
 10 profiting from mass surveillance or forced labor, or any form of
 11 human trafficking or inhuman treatment of Uyghurs, and other
 12 ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim minority
 13 groups in China; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United
 17 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
 18 Representatives, Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Governor
 19 of Hawaii, the Speaker of the Hawaii's House of Representative,
 20 Hawaii's Senate president, and all of Hawaii's legislators.

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