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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DENOUNCING THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN TIBET.

1           WHEREAS, Tibetans are regularly subject to human rights  
2 abuses, including disappearance, arbitrary arrest, and torture;  
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5           WHEREAS, degrading treatment and punishment of Tibetans  
6 takes many forms, including beatings, solitary confinement, and  
7 more sophisticated types of mistreatment, such as exposure to  
8 extreme temperatures; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Tibetan women and children are subject to  
11 particular abuses, including sexual abuse, violation of their  
12 reproductive rights, and discrimination in education; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Tibetans suffer racial discrimination in hiring  
15 and the Chinese government in Tibet has limited Tibetans' access  
16 to training and permits required to meaningfully participate in  
17 the business sector; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the Chinese authorities restrict Tibetans' freedom  
20 to travel and move, occasionally by violent means; and  
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22           WHEREAS, in Tibet, the government polices Buddhist and  
23 other religious practices, regulates construction of temples,  
24 curtails practitioners' association with each other, and  
25 allegedly restricts travel for religious pilgrimages; and  
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27           WHEREAS, China interferes with Tibetans' civil liberties,  
28 including privacy and free association, by censoring  
29 correspondence, and monitoring and disrupting telephone and e-  
30 mail services; and  
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32           WHEREAS, China obscures the situation in Tibet by blocking  
33 internet sites that discuss Tibetan independence, jamming



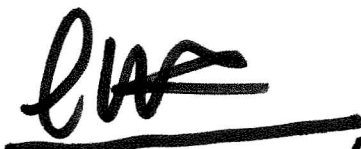
1 Tibetan-language broadcasts of the Voice of America, Radio Free  
2 Asia, and the BBC, censoring publications that contain political  
3 information, and intimidating and punishing Chinese journalists  
4 writing about Tibet; and  
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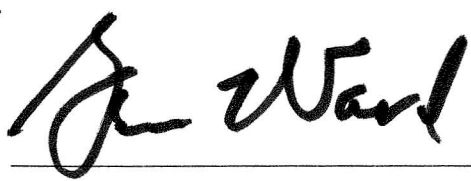
6 WHEREAS, the Chinese government has repeatedly blocked  
7 international nongovernmental organizations from assisting or  
8 observing human rights practices in Tibet; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the United States federal government has urged  
11 China to respect the basic rights of all of its citizens,  
12 including those in Tibet, to peacefully express their opinions  
13 and culture, and to be free from arbitrary detention; now,  
14 therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that this Legislature condemns  
19 the human rights violations in Tibet, and encourages the  
20 government of China to reconsider some of its policies towards  
21 Tibet with a view towards reconciling its differences in a  
22 peaceful and more humane manner; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
26 United States, the U.S. Secretary of State, the Chinese  
27 Ambassador to the United States, the Director General of the  
28 United Nations, and the Dalai Lama.  
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