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# HOUSE 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



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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, that this body condemns the human rights violations in  
 19 Tibet, and encourages the government of China to reconsider some  
 20 of its policies towards Tibet with a view towards reconciling  
 21 its differences in a peaceful and more humane manner; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 24 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
 25 the U.S. Secretary of State, the Chinese Ambassador to the  
 26 United States, the Director General of the United Nations, and  
 27 the Dalai Lama.

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