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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING AND URGING THE CESSATION OF THE PERSECUTION AND
DISCRIMINATION OF FALUN GONG.

1 WHEREAS, Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, is a
2 peaceful practice of mind and body improvement based on the
3 moral teachings of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance;
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6 WHEREAS, Falun Gong has benefited tens of millions of
7 people in China, the United States, and more than eighty other
8 countries; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to Falun Gong practitioners and
11 supporters from different walks of life, who contribute to the
12 wellbeing of the community; and

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14 WHEREAS, since 1999 the government of the People's Republic
15 of China has been carrying out a brutal persecution of Falun
16 Gong practitioners, forcing them to give up their practice; and

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18 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. State Department's 2007
19 report on human rights, Falun Gong practitioners are estimated
20 to comprise as much as half of China's labor camp detainees,
21 rendering them the largest population of prisoners of conscience
22 in the country; and

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24 WHEREAS, similarly, the United Nations Special Rapporteur
25 stated in 2006 that Falun Gong practitioners represent
26 two-thirds of the reported Chinese torture cases; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Falun Dafa Information Center has further
29 documented the deaths of over 3,200 practitioners as a result of
30 abuse in custody and other forms of persecution; and

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32 WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners who have not been taken
33 into police custody have faced systematic discrimination, loss



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1 of employment and denial of fundamental civil, political, and
2 economic rights; and
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4 WHEREAS, independent investigations also report that Falun
5 Gong practitioners are a major target group for large-scale
6 organ harvesting that involves organs taken from non-consenting
7 prisoners; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents report that their relatives in
10 China, who are Falun Gong practitioners, were unlawfully
11 sentenced to labor camps and prisons; and
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13 WHEREAS, the inhuman persecution by the Chinese government
14 of Falun Gong practitioners is in direct violation of the
15 fundamental human rights to freedom of personal belief and
16 practice, expression, and assembly guaranteed by the
17 Constitution of the People's Republic of China and by the
18 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and
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20 WHEREAS, Amnesty International has been calling on the
21 Chinese government to stop the mass arbitrary detentions, unfair
22 trials, and other human rights violations resulting from the
23 crackdown on Falun Gong practitioners; and
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25 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives
26 unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolutions 218 (1999), 188
27 (2002), and 304 (2003) generally expressing the sense of
28 Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China
29 should cease its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners; and
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31 WHEREAS, the various states and municipalities of the
32 United States have passed no less than 150 city and state
33 resolutions, and issued 1260 proclamations and 530 supportive
34 letters condemning the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners
35 and supporting the cessation of China's state-run systematic and
36 widespread attacks on Falun Gong practitioners; now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
39 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
40 House of Representatives concurring, that:
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42 (1) This body, on behalf of the people of Hawaii, condemns
43 the Chinese government's persecution of Falun Gong
44 practitioners and requests the Chinese authorities to



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1 immediately end the harassment, detention, and torture
2 of Falun Gong practitioners;

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4 (2) The United States Secretary of State is requested to
5 increase efforts to urge the People's Republic of
6 China to recognize and protect the human rights of its
7 citizens and halt the persecution of Falun Gong
8 practitioners; and
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10 (3) This body expresses its condemnation of any
11 discrimination in Hawaii against Falun Gong
12 practitioners, based on their beliefs and practices;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
17 United States; the United States Secretary of State; the Speaker
18 of the United States House of Representatives; the Majority
19 Leader of the United States Senate; members of Hawaii's
20 congressional delegation; the Governor of Hawaii; and the
21 Chinese Ambassador to the United States.
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