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SENATE 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
34 of employment and denial of fundamental civil, political, and
35 economic rights; and
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1 WHEREAS, independent investigations also report that Falun
2 Gong practitioners are a major target group for large-scale
3 organ harvesting that involves organs taken from non-consenting
4 prisoners; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents report that their relatives in
7 China, who are Falun Gong practitioners, were unlawfully
8 sentenced to labor camps and prisons; and

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10 WHEREAS, the inhuman persecution by the Chinese government
11 of Falun Gong practitioners is in direct violation of the
12 fundamental human rights to freedom of personal belief and
13 practice, expression, and assembly guaranteed by the
14 Constitution of the People's Republic of China and by the
15 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and

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17 WHEREAS, Amnesty International has been calling on the
18 Chinese government to stop the mass arbitrary detentions, unfair
19 trials, and other human rights violations resulting from the
20 crackdown on Falun Gong practitioners; and

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22 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives
23 unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolutions 218 (1999), 188
24 (2002), and 304 (2003) generally expressing the sense of
25 Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China
26 should cease its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners; and

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28 WHEREAS, the various states and municipalities of the
29 United States have passed no less than 150 city and state
30 resolutions, and issued 1260 proclamations and 530 supportive
31 letters condemning the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners
32 and supporting the cessation of China's state-run systematic and
33 widespread attacks on Falun Gong practitioners; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
37 that:

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39 (1) This body, on behalf of the people of Hawaii, condemns
40 the Chinese government's persecution of Falun Gong
41 practitioners and requests the Chinese authorities to
42 immediately end the harassment, detention, and torture
43 of Falun Gong practitioners;



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