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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE HONG KONG PROTESTORS FOR THEIR COURAGE AND  
COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

1           WHEREAS, the United States and Hong Kong have built a long-  
2 standing relationship to encourage Hong Kong's prosperity,  
3 autonomy, and to promote trade and investment as stated in the  
4 U.S.-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992.

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6           WHEREAS, the Act of 1992 stipulated that the United States  
7 would treat Hong Kong as a separate entity from the rest of  
8 China even after Hong Kong was transferred from British rule in  
9 1997.

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11           WHEREAS, the United States has substantial economic and  
12 social ties with Hong Kong including a large number of American  
13 citizens residing there and U.S. firms headquartered there.

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15           WHEREAS, Hong Kong currently exists as a semi-autonomous  
16 zone within China and the citizens of this zone were guaranteed  
17 autonomous control of local government and the rights and  
18 freedoms they had grown accustomed to under British rule until  
19 the year 2047 under the transfer agreement; and

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21           WHEREAS, in 2019 protests broke out in Hong Kong as a  
22 reaction to a proposed law that would have allowed the local  
23 government to arrest Hong Kong citizens and turn them over to  
24 another nation for trial. This law was supported by the local  
25 government's Chief Executive; and

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27           WHEREAS, the extradition law was feared because of its  
28 potential as a tool for the Chinese Communist Party to persecute  
29 Hong Kong citizens who have criticized the Communist Party and  
30 participated in opposition political parties; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a bill known as  
2 the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act in 2019, which the  
3 President signed into law to protect U.S. citizens and  
4 businesses, defend human rights for all Hong Kong residents, and  
5 prohibit politically motivated retaliation; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the ideals the Hong Kong protesters claim as  
8 inherent and inalienable rights are also set forth as the law of  
9 the land by the Constitution of the United States of America,  
10 which was adopted on behalf of the people of Hawaii; and  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
14 2020, that the Legislature commends the courage and commitment  
15 to democracy and human rights displayed by the Hong Kong  
16 protesters; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
20 the Hawaii members of the United States Congress, the Consulate  
21 General of the United States, Hong Kong, and the Governor of the  
22 state of Hawaii.  
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