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# H. CON. RES. 180

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should stop the practice of harvesting and transplanting organs for profit from prisoners that it executes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 29, 1997

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington (for herself, Mr. WOLF, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. TIAHRT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should stop the practice of harvesting and transplanting organs for profit from prisoners that it executes.

Whereas the People's Republic of China is not governed by the rule of law—its criminal code is administered arbitrarily by members of the Chinese Communist Party in ways that allow the party to maintain its monopoly on political power;

Whereas according to Amnesty International, in 1996 the People’s Republic of China executed 4,367 individuals—a number greater than the aggregate number of executions recorded in all other countries during the same period;

Whereas there is credible evidence that the Government of the People’s Republic of China systematically harvests organs from a large number of prisoners that it executes;

Whereas there is credible evidence that a large proportion of these harvested organs are sold for profit to foreigners and are transplanted at hospitals operated by the Government of the People’s Republic of China and staffed by government-trained doctors;

Whereas this practice of harvesting and transplanting organs has been documented by official records of the Government of the People’s Republic of China; and

Whereas individual agents seeking to sell these harvested organs have been determined by ABC News to be operating within the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3            (1) the Government of the People’s Republic of  
4        China should stop the practice of harvesting and  
5        transplanting organs for profit from prisoners that  
6        it executes;

7            (2) the Government of the People’s Republic of  
8        China should be strongly condemned for such organ  
9        harvesting and transplanting practice;

1           (3) the President should bar from entry into  
2 the United States any and all officials of the Gov-  
3 ernment of the People's Republic of China known to  
4 be directly involved in such organ harvesting and  
5 transplanting practice;

6           (4) individuals determined to be participating in  
7 or otherwise facilitating the sale of such organs in  
8 the United States should be prosecuted to the fullest  
9 possible extent of the law; and

10          (5) the appropriate officials in the United  
11 States should interview individuals, including doc-  
12 tors, who may have knowledge of such organ har-  
13 vesting and transplanting practice.

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