

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE BAKER

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1 Amend Resolution, page 2, line 4, by inserting after

2 "pathways"

3 , and the People's Republic of China has prevented
4 independent or impartial inspection, scrutiny and verification
5 of the transplant system

6 Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 5 through 30; page 3, lines 1
7 through 19; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
8 inserting

9 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China has not officially
10 repealed provisions implemented in 1984 which permit the
11 harvesting of organs from executed prisoners, therefore the use
12 of organs from executed prisoners remains legal; and

13 WHEREAS, The officially reported transplant numbers in China
14 increased threefold nationwide between 1999 and 2004, parallel
15 to the onset of the persecution of Falun Gong; and

16 WHEREAS, The current co-chairperson of the National Health
17 and Family Planning Commission's Human Organ and Transplant
18 Committee, Dr. Huang Jiefu, claimed that China would stop
19 sourcing organs from executed prisoners on January 1, 2015, yet
20 no official agency of the People's Republic of China has made
21 this declaration nor has Huang's claim been verified by
22 independent researchers; and

23 WHEREAS, Chinese officials have reclassified death row
24 prisoners as "ordinary citizens" with the right to donate their
25 organs, although the use of prisoner organs for transplant is
26 specifically banned by international medical organizations; and

27 WHEREAS, In May 2016, Huang Jiefu announced via state-run
28 media that China will increase the number of transplant centers
29 from 169 to 300 over the next five years; and

30 WHEREAS, Large discrepancies exist between the People's
31 Republic of China's officially reported transplant numbers and
32 those estimated by independent researchers; and

33 WHEREAS, Updated evidence estimates between 30,000 to 100,000
34 transplants occur annually in China without identified organ
35 sources; and

1 WHEREAS, Updated evidence suggests up to 1.5 million Falun
2 Gong practitioners may have been killed for their organs since
3 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Recipients for these transplants are Chinese
5 citizens or individuals from abroad, including from the United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States Commission on
8 International Religious Freedom's annual report again listed
9 China as a "country of particular concern," due to severe
10 violations of human rights and illegal organ harvesting
11 practices stating, "Imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners are
12 particularly targeted"; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2015 and 2016, the Congressional-Executive
14 Commission on China condemned ongoing unethical forced organ
15 harvesting practices in China; and

16 WHEREAS, In June 2016, the United States House of
17 Representatives passed House Resolution 343 expressing concern
18 over China's organ procurement from nonconsenting prisoners of
19 conscience, including from "large numbers of Falun Gong
20 practitioners and members of other religious and ethnic minority
21 groups"; and

22 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 30; page 4, lines 1 through 3;
23 by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call upon the
25 United States Government to initiate a prohibition for each
26 United States teaching hospital to train Chinese doctors in
27 transplant surgery until the People's Republic of China
28 facilitates independent, impartial inspections of its transplant
29 infrastructure; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives suggest that the
31 United States Government enact legislation that will prohibit
32 United States citizens from receiving organs abroad where organ
33 sourcing is not transparent and traceable according to
34 internationally accepted guidelines; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request the
36 medical community of this Commonwealth to caution patients
37 against traveling to China for organs; and be it further

38 Amend Resolution, page 4, line 15, by striking out the period
39 after "China" and inserting

40 ; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
42 the President of the United States, the Vice President of the
43 United States and the Secretary of State of the United States
44 and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.