

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 31

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KIRKTON.

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2 WHEREAS, Falun Gong is an ancient Chinese spiritual discipline in the Buddhist  
3 tradition, which is based on the principles of Truthfulness (Zhen), Compassion (Shan), and  
4 Forbearance (Ren); and

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5 WHEREAS, Falun Gong and its followers received official recognition in China during  
6 the 1990s, and is practiced in more than one hundred countries around the world, attracting  
7 millions of people of all ages and backgrounds; and

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9 WHEREAS, on July 20, 1999, over 100 million citizens in China became criminals upon  
10 the banning of the practice of Falun Gong by the Communist Chinese government; and

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12 WHEREAS, since July 20, 1999, when China's former president launched the  
13 "eradication" campaign against Falun Gong, hundreds of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners  
14 have been detained and tortured for their beliefs; and

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16 WHEREAS, an independent investigation conducted by the Honorable David Kilgour,  
17 a former Canadian Member of Parliament, and David Matas, a human rights lawyer, concluded  
18 that "there has been and continues today to be large scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun  
19 Gong practitioners"; and

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21 WHEREAS, multiple independent investigations estimate that 40,000 to 65,000 Falun  
22 Gong practitioners have been killed to fuel China's lucrative organ transplant industry; and

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24 WHEREAS, as part of our responsibility to uphold fundamental human rights, it is our  
25 duty to raise awareness to stop horrific crimes and atrocities against our fellow human beings:

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27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of  
28 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate

29 concurring therein, hereby call on the President of the United States, the United States Congress,  
30 and United States Department of State to formally condemn the persecution against Falun Gong  
31 and the crime of harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners and other involuntary donors  
32 in China; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
35 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President  
36 Barack Obama, United States House Speaker John Boehner, United States Senate President Pro  
37 Tempore Orrin Hatch, United States Secretary of State John Kerry, and each member of the  
38 Missouri Congressional delegation.

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