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Senator Michael S. Kennedy proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TREATMENT OF THE UIGHUR ETHNIC COMMUNITY BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brady Brammer

Senate Sponsor: ~~{ }~~ Michael S. Kennedy

Cosponsor: Candice B. Pierucci

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution condemns the ~~{People's Republic of China's}~~ treatment of the Uighur community and Hong Kong ~~{and encourages Utah schools and higher learning institutions to teach students about these current events--particularly those engaged in learning the Chinese language and culture to understand the atrocities and challenges faced by the people of China as a result of the socialist economy controlled by the communist}~~ by the Government of the People's Republic of China ~~{government}~~.

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Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ condemns the ~~{People's Republic of China's}~~ treatment of the Uighur community and Hong Kong by the Government of the People's Republic of China; and
- ▶ calls upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to uphold its commitments to Hong Kong ~~{, and}~~.

~~{ → encourages Utah schools and higher learning institutions to teach students about these current events.~~

~~{~~Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the Government of the People's Republic of China has a long history of repressing Turkic Muslims, particularly Uighurs, in China's Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, including mass surveillance and internment of over 1,000,000 Uighurs and other predominantly Turkic Muslim ethnic minorities;

WHEREAS, those detained in such facilities have described forced political indoctrination, torture, beatings, and food deprivation, as well as denial of religious, cultural, and linguistic freedoms, and confirmed that they were told by guards that the only way to secure release was to demonstrate sufficient political loyalty;

WHEREAS, poor conditions and lack of medical treatment at such facilities appear to have contributed to the deaths of some detainees, including the elderly and infirm;

WHEREAS, the Government of the People's Republic of China's actions against Turkic Muslims in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, whose population was approximately 13 million at the time of the last ~~{Chinese}~~ census of the Government of the People's Republic of China in 2010, are in contravention of international human rights laws, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, both of which the Government of the People's Republic of China has signed and ratified, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which China has signed;

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WHEREAS, in late May 2020, the ~~{National}~~Government of the People's ~~{Congress}~~Republic of China announced its intention to unilaterally and arbitrarily impose national security legislation on Hong Kong;

WHEREAS, this announcement was merely ~~{China's}~~the latest salvo by the Government of the People's Republic of China in a series of actions that have increasingly denied autonomy and freedoms that ~~{China}~~the government promised to the people of Hong Kong under the 1984 Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong (Joint Declaration);

WHEREAS, under the national security legislation, the people of Hong Kong may face life in prison for what the Government of the People's Republic of China considers to be acts of secession or subversion of state power --- which may include acts like the widespread anti-government protests in 2019;

WHEREAS, under the national security legislation the right to trial by jury may be suspended and proceedings may be conducted in secret;

WHEREAS, the Government of the People's Republic of China has given itself broad power to initiate and control the prosecutions of the people of Hong Kong through the new Office for Safeguarding National Security; and

WHEREAS, the national security legislation allows foreigners to be expelled if the Government of the People's Republic of China merely suspects them of violating the law, potentially making it harder for journalists, human rights organizations, and other outside groups to hold the People's Republic of China accountable for its treatment of the people of Hong Kong:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, condemns the mass, arbitrary detention and treatment of Uighurs in China's Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region by the Government of the People's Republic of China;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, condemns the violations by the Government of the People's Republic of China of the fundamental rights of the people of Hong Kong, as provided by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and any encroachment upon the autonomy guaranteed

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to Hong Kong by the Basic Law and the Joint Declaration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, calls upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to uphold its commitments to Hong Kong, including allowing the people of Hong Kong to govern Hong Kong with a high degree of autonomy and without undue interference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, calls upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to support the robust exercise by residents of Hong Kong of the rights to free speech, the press, and other fundamental freedoms, as provided by the Basic Law, the Joint Declaration, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, calls upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to support freedom from arbitrary or unlawful arrest, detention, or imprisonment for all Hong Kong residents, as provided by the Basic Law, the Joint Declaration, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature {and the Governor encourage Utah schools and higher learning institutions to teach Utah students about these current events, particularly those engaged in learning the Chinese language and culture, to understand the atrocities and challenges faced by the people of China as a result of the socialist economy controlled by the communist People's Republic of China.~~

{of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, supports freedoms for religious worship and freedoms of ethnic minorities to live free from fear of oppression and will seek to support these values around the world while working to improve their own record at home.