

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Reps. Frederick and Fink offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to condemn the government of the People's
2 Republic of China for their treatment and arbitrary detention of
3 the Uyghur people.

4 Whereas, Since 2017, the government of the People's Republic
5 of China has taken significant steps to target and repress the
6 Uyghur people of the Xinjiang province. The Uyghurs, a Muslim
7 minority, are subject to constant surveillance and more than one
8 million have been detained in "re-education" camps; and

9 Whereas, The Chinese government has used the Uyghur people as
10 a source of indentured labor. More than 80,000 people have been
11 transported across the country to work in factories far from home.
12 Half-a-million Uyghurs have been subject to forced labor in
13 Xinjiang's cotton fields; and

1 Whereas, While detained in "re-education" camps, Uyghurs are
2 subject to brutal treatment and forced to renounce their religion
3 and pledge loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party. Those who have
4 escaped the camps have reported being subject to physical, mental,
5 and sexual torture; and

6 Whereas, The Chinese government has imposed incredibly cruel
7 and draconian policies to limit the Uyghur population. Women have
8 been forced to undergo involuntary abortions and sterilization.
9 Between 2016 and 2018, sterilization rates in the Xinjiang province
10 grew by 600 percent. Former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and
11 current Secretary Anthony Blinken have agreed that these practices
12 constitute a genocide; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn the
14 government of the People's Republic of China for their treatment
15 and arbitrary detention of the Uyghur people; and be it further

16 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
17 President of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese
18 Communist Party Committee Secretary of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous
19 Region.