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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

A resolution 1.1

calling for an end to the cold genocide and forced organ harvesting from Falun Gong 1.2 practitioners in China. 1.3

WHEREAS, ethical guidelines for transplantation are set forth by the Minnesota Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the World Medical Association, and the World Health Organization; the medical profession has the responsibility to protect the rights and interests of patients who need and seek transplant surgery, as well as to protect the rights and interests of those whose organs may have been procured in an unethical manner; and

WHEREAS, China is the country that performs the largest number of transplants in the world and thus must be held accountable to particular standards to act ethically and transparently regarding organ transplants and organ procurement; and

WHEREAS, systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting not only from executed prisoners but particularly from prisoners of conscience in China has occurred with the knowledge of the Chinese government; and there are credible investigative reports about forced organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners in China that have led to parliamentarian actions; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed House Resolution 343 in June, 2016, calling for an end to forced organ harvesting from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience in China, and the European Parliament also passed Written Declaration 48 in summer 2016, calling for investigations and an end to forced organ harvesting from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience in China; and

WHEREAS, Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH), a medical nongovernmental organization that was nominated for a Nobel Peace Price in 2016 and 2017, collected over 3,000,000 signatures for a petition to the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, thereby establishing widespread public interest in this matter, is calling for an end to forced organ harvesting in China; and

to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the Minnesota Falun Dafa Organization,

the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the

Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations, the chair of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and

Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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