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Calling upon the People's Republic of China to release U.S. citizen Harry Wu unconditionally and to provide for an accounting of his arrest and detention.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 1995

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. WOLF, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. ROHRABACHER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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Committee on International Relations discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Calling upon the People's Republic of China to release U.S. citizen Harry Wu unconditionally and to provide for an accounting of his arrest and detention.

Whereas Peter H. Wu, known as Harry Wu, is a citizen of the United States;

Whereas Harry Wu entered the People's Republic of China with an American passport and a valid visa but has been detained incommunicado by Chinese authorities since June 19, 1995;

Whereas on June 23, 1995, the Government of the People's Republic of China notified the United States Government of its detention of Harry Wu;

Whereas on June 26, 1995, the United States Government requested that Chinese Government authorities provide prompt access to Harry Wu;

Whereas Article 35 of the United States-People's Republic of China Consular Convention of February 19, 1982, requires that access to a detained or arrested American citizen be granted no later than 48 hours after a request for such access is made;

Whereas, as of Wednesday, June 28, 1995, the People's Republic of China had failed to act in accordance with the 48 hour consular access provision of the Consular Convention; and

Whereas the Department of State has not been informed of where Harry Wu is being held, nor what charges, if any, are being contemplated, and has not received any assurances that the obligations of the Government of the People's Republic of China under the Consular Convention will be met: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) The House of Representatives expresses its
3 condemnation of the arrest and detention of Harry
4 Wu and its deep concern for his well-being and free-
5 dom;

6 (2) It is the sense of the House of Representa-
7 tives that—

1 (A) the People's Republic of China must
2 immediately comply with its commitments
3 under the United States-People's Republic of
4 China Consular Convention of February 19,
5 1982, by allowing consular access to Harry Wu;

6 (B) the People's Republic of China should
7 provide a full accounting to the United States
8 for Harry Wu's arrest and detention, and
9 should immediately and unconditionally release
10 him; and

11 (C) the President of the United States
12 should use every diplomatic means available to
13 ensure Harry Wu's safety and well-being, and
14 to secure his immediate and unconditional re-
15 lease.

16 (3) The Clerk of the House shall transmit cop-
17 ies of this resolution to the President of the United
18 States, to the Embassy of the People's Republic of
19 China in the United States, and to President Jiang
20 Zemin of the People's Republic of China.

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