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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the arrest of Harry Wu by
the Government of the People's Republic of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30 (legislative day, JUNE 19), 1995

Mr. HELMS submitted the following resolution; which was considered and
agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the arrest
of Harry Wu by the Government of the People's Republic
of China.

Whereas Peter H. Wu, known as Harry Wu, attempted to
enter the People's Republic of China on June 19, 1995,
near the China-Kazakhstan border;

Whereas Harry Wu, a 58-year-old American citizen, was
traveling on a valid United States passport and a valid
visa issued by the Chinese authorities;

Whereas the Chinese authorities confined Harry Wu to house
arrest for 3 days, after which time he has not been seen
or heard from;

Whereas the Chinese Foreign Ministry notified the United States Embassy in Beijing of Mr. Wu's detention on Friday, June 23;

Whereas the United States Embassy in Beijing approached the Chinese Foreign Ministry on Monday, June 26, to issue an official demarche for the detention of an American citizen;

Whereas the terms of the United States-People's Republic of China Consular Convention on February 19, 1982, require that United States Government officials shall be accorded access to an American citizen as soon as possible but not more than 48 hours after the United States has been notified of such detention;

Whereas on Wednesday, June 28, the highest ranking representative of the People's Republic of China in the United States refused to offer the United States Government any information on Harry Wu's whereabouts or the charges brought against him;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China is in violation of the terms of its Consular Convention;

Whereas Harry Wu, who was born in China, has already spent 19 years in Chinese prisons;

Whereas Harry Wu has dedicated his life to the betterment of the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China;

Whereas Harry Wu first detailed to the United States Congress the practice of using prison labor to produce products for export from China to other countries;

Whereas Harry Wu testified before the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on May 4, 1995, informing the Committee, the Senate, and the American people

about the Chinese government practice of murdering Chinese prisoners, including political prisoners, for the purpose of harvesting their organs for sale on the international market;

Whereas on June 2, 1995, the President of the United States announced his determination that further extension of the waiver authority granted by section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-618; 88 Stat. 1978), also known as “Jackson-Vanik”, will substantially promote freedom of emigration from the People’s Republic of China;

Whereas this waiver authority will allow the People’s Republic of China to receive the lowest tariff rates possible, also known as Most-Favored-Nation trading status, for a period of 12 months beginning on July 3, 1995; and

Whereas the Chinese government and people benefit substantially from the continuation of such trading benefits: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That (a) the United States Senate expresses
2 its condemnation of the arrest of Peter H. Wu and its
3 deep concern for his well-being.

4 (b) It is the sense of the Senate that—

5 (1) the People’s Republic of China must imme-
6 diately comply with its commitments under the
7 United States-People’s Republic of China Consular
8 Convention of February 19, 1982, by allowing con-
9 sular access to Peter H. Wu;

10 (2) the People’s Republic of China should pro-
11 vide immediately a full accounting of Peter Wu’s

1 whereabouts and the charges being brought against
2 him; and

3 (3) the President of the United States should
4 use every diplomatic means available to ensure Peter
5 Wu's safe and expeditious return to the United
6 States.

7 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
8 a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
9 States with the request that the President further trans-
10 mit such copy to the Embassy of the People's Republic
11 of China in the United States.

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