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1 Tibet; ending its brutal occupation and destruction of Tibet,
2 its culture and its religion; and ending its use of prisons to
3 break the spirit of the Tibetan people remaining in Tibet; and

4 WHEREAS, the Chinese government's policies have resulted
5 in Tibetans being outnumbered two to one in Lhasa, a large
6 increase in the number of Tibetans who are forced to beg to
7 survive and much death by starvation, all of which is contrary
8 to China's boasts of having brought prosperity to Tibet; and

9 WHEREAS, the Chinese government continues to control
10 religious and cultural institutions in Tibet, abusing human
11 rights through torture, arbitrary arrest and detention without
12 public trial of Tibetans who peacefully express their political
13 or religious views; and

14 WHEREAS, the Chinese government has destroyed more than
15 one million five hundred thousand Tibetan people since its
16 invasion of Tibet in 1949; and

17 WHEREAS, numerous attempts to obtain the release of the
18 Tibetan political prisoners by the United Kingdom, Finland,
19 France, New Zealand and other nations have resulted only in the
20 occasional release of a Tibetan political prisoner to coincide
21 with the visit of a European or American elected official; and

22 WHEREAS, the Chinese government has used its vast
23 industrial production to nullify international humanitarian
24 concerns for Tibetans as if they were less important than trade
25 considerations; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Chinese government has ignored strong
2 protests from the United States state department as well as
3 from foreign ministers and foreign secretaries of numerous
4 nations regarding the treatment of Tibetans, particularly
5 Tibetan prisoners of conscience;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that efforts to urge the People's Republic
8 of China to release all prisoners of conscience be supported;
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislature
11 support a boycott by the United States of the 2008 Olympics in
12 Beijing unless all of the Tibetan political prisoners are
13 released; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Secretary of State Colin
15 Powell be requested to urge the People's Republic of China to
16 release all political prisoners and that they be allowed to
17 start new lives rather than being tortured, beaten, kicked and
18 given electric shocks on their hands, shoulders, tongue and
19 face while in Chinese custody; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Nations be
21 requested to convene a United Nations committee of
22 investigation for Tibet to determine the scope and dimension of
23 the Chinese genocide of Tibetans over the last fifty-five
24 years.

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