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2021 SENATE RESOLUTION 12

January 18, 2022 - Introduced by Senators ROTH, WANGGAARD and STROEBEL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: acknowledging that the Communist Party of China deliberately and intentionally misled the world on the Wuhan Coronavirus and standing in solidarity with the Chinese people to condemn the actions of the Communist Party of China.

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin was forced into a state of emergency due to the rising spread of the Coronavirus that originated in the Wuhan Province of China, as the number of infected individuals in Wisconsin rose to over 920,000 and also consisted of 9,381 deaths as of December 12, 2021; and

Whereas, the Chinese people are a great people, and heirs to one of the greatest civilizations in human history, held hostage by a brutal and oppressive regime these past 70 years; and

Whereas, the Communist Party of China has engaged in a continued pattern of human and natural rights abuses perpetrated by the country's communist administration, including the Communist Party's treatment of Tibet, the internment and "reeducation" of 1.5 million Muslim Uyghurs in concentration camps, the

enactment of a one-child policy responsible for aborting hundreds of millions of children, the majority of them female, a record of organ harvesting and forced sterilization, crackdown on the Tiananmen protests, and restrictions on individual expression and religious practice; and

Whereas, the Communist Party of China has repeatedly demonstrated a lack of interest in respecting international norms, including a history of currency manipulation, intellectual property theft, and restricting Chinese market access, while receiving the condemnation of numerous American Presidents and Legislators from both political parties for these practices; and

Whereas, the Communist Party of China, led by President Xi Jinping, has moved to consolidate power, scrapping term limits to create a de facto life term for the President of China and continually squashing democratic-based initiatives in and outside of mainland China; and

Whereas, the Chinese government is currently engaging in a barrage of misinformation throughout all corners of the globe, attempting to pass off the responsibility of their negligent and reckless response to the virus; and

Whereas, the Chinese government has imprisoned their own citizens who dared disseminate accurate information on the Coronavirus, destroyed early samples of the virus, refused to release timely and accurate information on the virus, continued to allow infected individuals to leave the Wuhan Province after reasonable evidence of person-to-person contamination was present, and requested the removal of key COVID-19 gene sequences from critical NIH databases; and

Whereas, reports have indicated that had the Chinese Government acted in a more efficient, transparent, and responsible way, cases worldwide of the virus may have been limited by 95 percent; and

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Whereas, on February 5, 2020, the first confirmed case of Coronavirus was identified in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, on February 26, 2020, and again on March 10, 2020, the Chinese Consulate reached out to the Wisconsin Senate President requesting that the Senate pass a resolution — *written by the Chinese Consulate* — including propaganda and falsehoods such as:

"China has been transparent and quick in sharing key information of the virus with the WHO and the international community, thus creating a window of opportunity for other countries to make timely response"

Whereas, the Wisconsin State Senate deems it necessary and prudent to combat the spread of misinformation propagated by the Communist Party of China and the need to push back on the claims that the virus originated anywhere but China; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That the Wisconsin Senate acknowledges that the Communist Party of China has deliberately and intentionally misled the world, suppressed vital information on the statistics and spread of the Wuhan Coronavirus both domestically and abroad, allowed millions of individuals to travel outside of the province and country despite clear warnings that the virus could be transmitted person-to-person, and engaged in active suppression and persecution of individuals looking to truthfully discuss information related to the Coronavirus, which has led to a global pandemic the likes of which has not been seen for generations; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin Senate hereby stands in solidarity with the Chinese people, condemning the actions of the Communist Party of China in the strongest possible terms, and acknowledges that millions, both in China and around

- the world, continue to be at risk of illness and death due to the negligence and hostile
- 2 actions of the Chinese Communist Party that have resulted in the deaths of over

3 5,310,000 people worldwide.

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