

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020-1026

TITLE: Resolution Supporting The U.S. Senate’s Approval of the Uyghur Human Rights Bill

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WHEREAS, countless Muslims who represent a minority in the Xinjiang region have been sent to “re-educational” camps built and facilitated by the Chinese government; and,

WHEREAS, the camps “re-educational” program includes the encouragement to have young Muslims transform and prioritizes remedial Mandarin studies while being constantly monitored and evaluated by members of the Chinese government; and,

WHEREAS, on May 14th, 2020, the United States Senate voted to sanction the Chinese government officials who were responsible for forced labor camps in the region of Xinjiang; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 2,000,000 Muslims were forcibly detained who are known as Uyghurs and consist of ethnic Kazakhs and other Muslims minorities in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020 condemns the Chinese government’s usage of these camps; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation passed in the United States Senate also recommends a tougher response to the human rights issue in the region; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation gives the President the authority to submit a report to Congress within 180 days that identify Chinese officials who participated in these acts; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate strongly condemns the human rights abuses of the Chinese Communist Party towards the Uyghur people.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the suffering of the Muslim minorities in the Xinjiang region of China.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that the University of Florida Senate applauds the United States Senate’s action to sanction those who have participated in these camps and UF’s own alumnus Senator Marco Rubio for introducing the legislation.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Dr. W. Kent Fuchs, Senior Director of Student Government Advising, Operations & Services James Tyger, J.D., Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. D'Andra Mull, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Nancy Chrystal-Green, and Bob Graham Center Student Fellows President Liliam Clavijo.

1. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/13/politics/uyghur-bill-senate-china/index.html>
2. <https://www.reuters.com/article/usa-china-xinjiang/us-senate-approves-bill-to-pressure-china-over-uighur-rights-idUSL1N2CW2GK>
3. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/178/text?format=txt>
4. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-50511063>