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Mr. Moynihan (for himself, Mr. Pell, Mr. Helms, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Dole, Mr. Cranston, Mr. Kennedy) introduced the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to.

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate concerning freedom and human rights for Tibet

Whereas, during the past four decades, repressive actions by the Chinese government have resulted in the deaths of as many as one million Tibetans, the destruction of a large part of Tibet's unique cultural heritage, the flight of the Dalai Lama and tens of thousands of Tibetans from their homeland;

Whereas the United States Department of State, human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Asia Watch, and the international press continue to report human rights violations in Tibet, including the use of excessive force on peaceful demonstrations, arbitrary arrest and detention, unfair trials, torture and death from torture, the restriction of religious practices, and systematic pattern of discrimination, among other violations;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China continue to imprison Tibetans for the peaceful expression of their political, cultural and religious views, including Tamdim Sithar, Yulo Dawa Tsering, Turing Chungdak, Ngawang Puchung, Tseten Norgye, Lhakpa Tsering, Dawa Dolma, Tenzin Phuntsog, Ayal Tsering and Ngawang Youdon; and

Whereas in 1960 the International commission of Jurists' Report on Tibet stated that Tibet demonstrated from 1913 to 1959 the conditions of statehood as generally accepted under international law: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That —

- a) the Senate commends the President for his historic meeting with His Holiness the Dalai Lama of Tibet;
- b) it is the sense of the Senate that the Government of the People's Republic of China should know that as the Tibetan people and His Holiness the Dalai Lama of Tibet go forward on their journey towards freedom the Congress and the people of the United States stand with them; and
- c) it is the sense of the Senate that all Americans are united on the goals of freedom and human rights for Tibet.