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Calling upon the Government of China to account for those detained during March 2008 protests and to recognize the fundamental human rights of all Tibetans, including monks, nuns, and innocent civilians, currently detained by the Government of China.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHABOT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas in 1951, an agreement between the Tibetan and Chinese Governments outlined an autonomous Tibetan region to be governed by the Dalai Lama;

Whereas in 1959, the Tibetan people protested Chinese occupation of the Tibet Autonomous Region, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent Tibetans and the exile of the 14th Dalai Lama;

Whereas efforts to recognize the 49th anniversary of that tragic day were met with disproportionate uses of force by Chinese officials, including fatal force, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of Tibetans;

Whereas efforts by Dalai Lama to end the violence and negotiate the future of the Tibetan Autonomous Region have gone unheeded by Chinese officials;

Whereas thousands of protestors, including Buddhists monks, nuns, and other civilians, have been arbitrarily detained without due process since March 2008;

Whereas approximately 1,000 of those protestors remain unaccounted for by the Government of China;

Whereas eyewitnesses describe beatings in prison, as well as a lack of food and necessary medical care; and

Whereas detaining and mistreating detainees violates international standards, including those of the international convention on civil and political rights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) calls on Chinese officials to immediately ac-
3 count for the status of the detained individuals, in-
4 cluding their names, location, and current medical
5 conditions;

6 (2) calls on Chinese officials to allow inter-
7 national observers to visit detention facilities and the
8 Tibet Autonomous Region to ensure that the rights
9 of those being detained and the Tibetan people as a
10 whole are being recognized;

1 (3) calls on Chinese officials to immediately re-
2 lease or file and make public formal criminal charges
3 against the detained individuals; and

4 (4) calls on Chinese officials to adhere to inter-
5 national standards of due process and justice, in-
6 cluding proceedings before an independent judiciary,
7 when bringing to trial those charged with formal of-
8 fenses.

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