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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the SARS–CoV–2, hereinafter referred to as “COVID–19”, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party covered up the existence and downplayed the seriousness of COVID–19, including ordering the destruction of laboratory samples and research regarding COVID–19 in January 2020, and silencing journalists, researchers, and others who attempted to share information about China’s involvement in the origins of COVID–19;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party’s calculated coverup, including reporting inaccurate numbers of infections and deaths, enabled COVID–19 to go global;

Whereas the coverup of COVID–19 by the Chinese Communist Party has caused significant economic harm around the world and has cost the United States economy \$16,000,000,000,000;

Whereas the global median gross domestic product dropped by 3.9 percent from 2019 to 2020, making it the worst downturn since the Great Depression;

Whereas, on June 8, 2020, the National Bureau of Economic Research officially declared a recession, noting that the United States economy had fallen into contraction starting in February 2020;

Whereas at least half of households in the 4 largest cities in the United States, New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston, reported serious financial problems as a result of COVID–19, including depleted savings, trouble paying bills, or affording medical care;

Whereas a quarter of adults in the United States said they or someone in their household have been laid off or lost a job because of COVID–19;

Whereas the COVID–19 pandemic increased extreme poverty between 88,000,000 and 93,000,000 in 2020; and

Whereas over 1,000,000 Americans have died as a result of COVID–19: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

1 (1) China is responsible for the COVID–19
2 pandemic and should be held financially responsible
3 for the pandemic’s cost; and

4 (2) the United States should be reimbursed
5 \$16,000,000,000,000 by China for the economic
6 harm caused by the COVID–19 pandemic.

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