**A Resolution to Recognize Tibet as an Independent Nation**

**WHEREAS**,  Tibet originally had autonomy under the 13th Dalai Lama, as well as other religious leaders; and

**WHEREAS**,  China annexed Tibet by militaristic force, culminating in the Seventeen Point Agreement of 1951; and

**WHEREAS**,  China has brutally suppressed Tibetan efforts at independence, such as the death of hundreds of Tibetan rebels in a rebellion against the PRC in 1959; and

**WHEREAS**,  China continues to suppress Tibetan’s freedom of religion, expression, due process of law, and a myriad of other factors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America shall recognize the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) as an independent nation from China.

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