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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 675

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, the current regime in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
3 (DPRK), commonly known as North Korea, is a cruel, dynastic tyranny that severely violates
4 the human rights and humanitarian conditions of its people through policies implemented by
5 the Kim family, starting with the dictatorship of Kim Il-sung in 1948 and continuing over 70
6 years through three generations with the latest succession of present-day leader Kim Jong-un;
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8 **WHEREAS**, the North Korean government abuses its power by exerting total control
9 over every facet of life in North Korea, actively suppressing dissent and maintaining a
10 pervasive climate of fear and intimidation by subjecting its people to forced starvation and
11 labor, sexual violence against women and children, torture, public executions, enforced
12 disappearances, and systematically denying its citizens the freedoms of movement, religion,
13 and speech; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, 10 years after the United Nations established a Commission of Inquiry,
16 North Korea still has fully operational political prison camps with an estimated 80,000 to
17 120,000 prisoners in inhumane conditions, often for crimes committed by their relatives or for
18 expressing dissenting views; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, reports from Korea Future, a nongovernmental organization,
21 documented specific examples of North Korean government punishments, including
22 forcing women to have abortions when seven or eight months pregnant and prisoners
23 being fed as little as 80 grams (less than 3 ounces) of corn a day, a starvation diet that caused
24 weight to drop from 60 kilograms (132 pounds) to 37 kilograms (82 pounds) within a month
25 and required prisoners to supplement their diets with cockroaches and rodents; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations General Assembly has passed a resolution
28 condemning North Korea's dire human rights situation every year since 2005; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Senate has introduced the North Korean Human Rights
31 Reauthorization Act of 2022 to ensure the U.S. continues to promote basic freedoms of
32 speech, press, and religion in North Korea for the next five years:

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34 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
35 House of Representatives, One Hundred Third General Assembly, hereby condemn the North
36 Korean government for its long-standing and ongoing systematic, widespread, and gross
37 violations of human rights, and we recognize the importance of promoting basic freedoms of
38 speech, press, and religion in North Korea; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives hereby
41 urges the United States government to continue to condemn the human rights violations in
42 North Korea and promote human rights in North Korea and to work with the international
43 community to improve human rights conditions in the country; and

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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk be instructed to prepare a
46 properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President of the United States, the Speaker
47 of the United States House of Representatives, and the Majority Leader of the United States
48 Senate.

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