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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas July 11, 2026, marks 5 years since the historic, pro-democracy demonstration in Cuba when thousands of courageous Cubans took to the streets in more than 40 cities, across all provinces, to demand access to their freedoms and civil liberties and call for an end to communism, censorship, and the oppression imposed by the totalitarian Cuban regime;

Whereas, in an attempt to silence the Cuban people and prevent future protests from taking place, the Cuban dictatorship responded with a wave of terror, repression, and criminalization and detained and persecuted more than 1,400 protesters, including women and children;

Whereas, in a crude and savage effort to silence the Cuban people, the Communist regime cut internet connectivity and mobile services throughout Cuba that hindered the Cuban people from organizing and hid from the outside world images and videos of the oppressive and brutal crackdown by the regime;

Whereas the ongoing imprisonment of hundreds of Cuban human rights and democracy activists who have worked tirelessly to advocate for fundamental civil liberties for the Cuban people continues to demonstrate the brutal, despotic nature of the regime in Cuba, which aims to silence anyone who would dare speak out against its cruelty and barbarity;

Whereas, according to human rights organizations, since the July 11, 2021, protests, hundreds of Cuban activists have been subjected to months of solitary confinement, physical and psychological torture, and inhumane treatment from Cuban operatives, resulting in dire health conditions;

Whereas many imprisoned Cuban democracy activists continue to suffer from severe health complications, malnutrition, and physical signs of repeated torture while being denied adequate medical care and contact with their families;

Whereas, 5 years after the historic demonstration, an unknown number of protesters remain in prison, including

minors, many are being held without access to or communication with family members, international human rights organizations, or legal counsel, and some have been disappeared;

Whereas, in an effort to intimidate Cubans from daring to protest again, the Cuban regime has continued to hold mass sham “trials” that lack any semblance of due process and has imposed disproportionate prison terms of up to 25 years for ill-defined charges such as “public disorder, contempt, or violence”;

Whereas the brutal and illegitimate Communist regime remains terrified of the brave and resilient men and women of Cuba who stand resolute in speaking out against the humanitarian crimes of the regime and efforts to persecute, kidnap, torture, and kill anyone who stands up against the tyranny of the regime;

Whereas the economic situation in Cuba has continued to deteriorate under the failed policies of the Communist regime, with widespread shortages of food, medicine, and basic necessities affecting the daily lives of the Cuban people;

Whereas the corruption and failures of the closed, Communist economy of Cuba, in which many industries are run by the Cuban military, have continued to fail the people of Cuba while enriching the regime’s elite;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump has strengthened the policy of the United States toward Cuba through the National Security Presidential Memorandum that restores a robust Cuba policy, ends economic practices that disproportionately benefit the Cuban government and military, enforces the statutory ban on United States tourism

to Cuba, supports the economic embargo, and mandates a review of human rights abuses in Cuba, demonstrating a firm commitment to standing with the Cuban people in their quest for justice, liberty, and freedom; and

Whereas the international community should stand in solidarity with the Cuban people in condemning the human rights atrocities committed by the brutal, illegitimate, totalitarian, Communist regime and should demand freedom and democracy for the men, women, and children of Cuba: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the bravery, courage, and resolve
3 of the members of the pro-democracy movement and
4 all freedom activists in Cuba for risking their lives
5 to bring freedom to the Cuban people;

6 (2) condemns the continued repression of the
7 hundreds of pro-democracy activists and political
8 prisoners, including children, that the Cuban regime
9 is unjustly detaining and subjecting to physical and
10 psychological torture, and calls for their immediate
11 and unconditional release;

12 (3) condemns the brutal, totalitarian dictator-
13 ship of the Cuban regime and demands an end to
14 the suffering of the men, women, and children of
15 Cuba and the impunity of the human rights abusers
16 of the regime;

1 (4) calls for the international community to
2 stand with the Cuban people and speak out against
3 the repressive acts and infringement on fundamental
4 freedoms conducted by the Cuban regime, such as
5 infringement on expression, belief, and assembly;

6 (5) urges the international community to hold
7 the Cuban regime accountable for its human rights
8 violations through coordinated sanctions and diplo-
9 matic pressure;

10 (6) calls upon the administration of President
11 Trump to put democracy, human rights, and civil
12 liberties at the core of its Cuba policy by maintain-
13 ing strong sanctions on the Cuban regime until all
14 conditions in United States law for removing sanc-
15 tions are met;

16 (7) supports the right of the Cuban people to
17 peaceful assembly and free expression, and con-
18 demns any efforts by the Cuban regime to suppress
19 those fundamental rights; and

20 (8) encourages continued support for Cuban
21 civil society organizations and independent media
22 that work to promote democracy and human rights
23 in Cuba.