

House Resolution No. 10

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERS.

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1 WHEREAS, the Yulin Lychee and Dog Meat Festival is held in Yulin, China during the
2 summer of each year; and

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4 WHEREAS, the festival spans 10 days and it is estimated that over 10,000 dogs are
5 consumed by attendees; and

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7 WHEREAS, witnesses have stated that some of the dogs eaten were most likely
8 household pets, based on their collars; and

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10 WHEREAS, in 2015 an online petition in the United Kingdom gathered over 4 million
11 signatures and in 2016 an international petition in opposition to the festival reportedly gathered
12 11 million signatures; and

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14 WHEREAS, dog meat has been consumed in China for over 400 years; and

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16 WHEREAS, consuming dog meat puts individuals at risk of infection from such deadly
17 parasites as E. Coli and salmonella, commonly found in contaminated meats, as well as at risk
18 of contracting other serious and potentially deadly bacterial diseases such as anthrax, brucellosis,
19 hepatitis, and leptospirosis; and

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21 WHEREAS, dog meat is additionally linked to the spread of rabies, a disease that kills
22 approximately 10,000 dogs and 350 people per year in the Philippines. Evidence shows that
23 rabies is present and potentially transmitted throughout all stages of the dog meat industry,
24 sourcing, trading, slaughtering, and consumption, impeding efforts towards eradicating rabies
25 in the region:

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27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri House
28 of Representatives, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, hereby condemn the Yulin Lychee and Dog
29 Meat Festival and urge China to end the dog meat trade; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
33 President of the People's Republic of China and each member of the National People's Congress
34 of China.

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