

Whereas, supporting the people of Cuba in their demands for freedom and the fulfillment of basic needs and condemning the Communist regime in Cuba should be a fundamental doctrine of freedom loving peoples; and,

Whereas, on July 11, 2021, thousands of people in Cuba raised their voices against communism, socialism, tyranny, and oppression; and,

Whereas the Cuban people, tired of living under a brutal dictatorship, peacefully protested against the Communist regime throughout Cuba, from major cities such as Havana, Santiago, and Santa Clara to small towns and villages; and,

Whereas protesters have assembled at the headquarters of the Communist Party of Cuba chanting, “Cuba isn't yours!”, “We are not afraid!”, “Freedom!”, and “Homeland and Life”; and,

Whereas these protests are only the latest in the Cuban people’s long struggle for freedom; and, Whereas, since 1959, the Communist regime in Cuba has repressed political and economic freedoms, including by—

- (1) preventing Cubans from owning private property and using property stolen from Cuban-Americans, many of whom are now United States citizens; and,
- (2) forcing Cubans employed at foreign firms to register with a state employment agency that confiscates the bulk of their earnings; and
- (3) restricting the access of the Cuban people to the internet by using equipment and systems produced and installed by entities controlled by the Chinese Communist Party; and,

Whereas the Communist regime in Cuba has not acted to preserve the lives and well-being of the Cuban people during the COVID–19 pandemic and left Cubans in dire need of food, medicine, and other basic necessities; and,

Whereas the Communist Party of Cuba has for years sought to silence those it considers its political opponents through the use of police harassment, forced detainment, and torture; and,

Whereas the Communist regime in Cuba has already taken steps to violently suppress protests, including deploying heavily armed troops and tear gas to disperse protesters; and,

Whereas hundreds of Cubans have been wounded by that use of violence by the Communist regime in Cuba, and 67 individuals have been arrested by the regime;

Whereas Miguel Diaz-Canel has openly called for bloodshed to quell the protests by calling on “revolutionary” citizens to “battl[e] in the streets”; and

Whereas the Communist regime in Cuba has for years resisted the efforts of the United States and its allies to bring freedom to Cuba, including by—

- (1) threatening the mass deportation of people in order to destabilize local government services in the United States;
- (2) harboring terrorists and fugitives from the United States wanted for committing violent crimes in the United States; and
- (3) jamming the radio broadcasts of Radio and TV Marti, which provide critical information on the outside world to the Cuban people; and

Whereas, since 1959, the United States has stood steadfastly in support of the freedom of the Cuban people:

Whereas, the Republican Party Platform adopted by the RNC in 2020 includes America Resurgent as a key plan, and states “...Tyranny and injustice thrive when America is weakened. The oppressed have no greater ally than a confident and determined United States...”, AND

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Republican Central Committee (hereafter referred to as WCRCC) organized in Winnebago County, Illinois states in its bylaws that its purpose is “... to develop, foster, advance, and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party.”AND

WHEREAS, the WCRCC has elected or appointed the members of its executive committee, and chosen through its bylaws to be represented the executive committee and the Party Chairman;

Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the WCRCC

- (1) expresses support for the people of Cuba on their courageous efforts to advance freedom and democracy in Cuba;
- (2) calls on Cuban security forces to respect the fundamental rights of the Cuban people to peacefully protest while raising their voices and demanding “Libertad”;
- (3) calls on the Communist regime in Cuba to immediately release all political prisoners and calls for the end of acts of repression and arbitrary imprisonment of members of the opposition, artists, and journalists;
- (4) urges the United States Government and the President to coordinate an international effort to publicly condemn the violence, arbitrary arrests, persecution, threats, and intimidation against the people of Cuba, to provide refuge for all people seeking asylum from Cuba, and to negotiate the peaceful transition from the Communist regime to freedom and democracy.
- (5) calls for the Congressmen in the 16th and 17th Congressional Districts (said districts jointly representing all residents in Winnebago County) and United States Senators from Illinois to publicly condemn the Communist regime in Cuba sponsor legislation to provide funding for an

international effort to peacefully transition the Cuban government from a repressive Communist regime to freedom and democracy.

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