WHEREAS, the Government of China possessed evidence of human-to-human transmission of COVID-19 and of medical staff contracting the virus in early December 2019; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019, the Wuhan Municipal Health Commission falsely reported that no evidence indicating human-to-human transmissions existed; and

WHEREAS, the Communist Party of China criminally prosecuted doctors and other whistleblowers who tried alerting the global health community of the threat of the new disease; and

WHEREAS, the Communist Party of China continued to conceal the mounting evidence of human-to-human transmission until January 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this deceit caused a delay in efforts to limit the global spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000 Missourians have contracted COVID-19, and more than 250 Missourians have died from COVID-19:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the House of Representatives, the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby
condemn the Communist Party of China for their wanton and reckless obfuscation of the truth about the lethality and transmissibility of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urge the United States government to act to hold the Communist Party of China responsible for the human and economic toll of their deceit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives support efforts by the Missouri Attorney General to bring a civil action against the Communist Party of China in order to recover damages necessary to compensate the State of Missouri and its People for their losses resulting from the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President of the United States Donald J. Trump and the Missouri congressional delegation.