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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 367

Offered February 20, 2023

*Commending Chunyan Wang.*

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WHEREAS, Chunyan Wang, a resident of Northern Virginia, began practicing Falun Gong in China in 1998, strictly conducting herself according to the principles of Falun Gong—Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance—from which she benefited physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, from July 1999, shortly after Chunyan Wang began practicing Falun Gong, to the present day, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has brutally persecuted Falun Gong practitioners in China through surveillance, harassment, arrest, imprisonment, physical and psychological torture, slave labor, and live organ harvesting; and

WHEREAS, the CCP twice imprisoned Chunyan Wang for printing Falun Gong leaflets, sentenced her to a total of seven years of slave labor, forced her to work ten hours a day making products for export to the United States and Europe, and subjected her to unexplained blood tests three different times, which were suspected of being conducted as part of a program that harvests organs from prisoners of conscience; and

WHEREAS, Chunyan Wang courageously maintained her faith in Falun Gong despite the profound losses she suffered at the hands of the CCP, including the loss of her husband, who was tortured to death for trying to protect her; the loss of her daughter, who was forced to flee China to escape the CCP's harassment; and the loss of her business, her livelihood, and her considerable life savings; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, Chunyan Wang and her fellow Falun Gong practitioners have traveled to over 40 counties and cities throughout the Commonwealth, and back and forth to Richmond over ten times, to raise awareness about Falun Gong among state and local officials who are unknowingly and unintentionally facilitating the CCP's practices of slave labor and live organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China; and

WHEREAS, responding to the efforts of Chunyan Wang and her fellow practitioners, the Virginia House of Delegates adopted HR 9 during the 2022 Session of the General Assembly, condemning the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners by the CCP and its practices of slave labor and live organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Chunyan Wang, an advocate with the courage to expose the tyranny of the Chinese Communist Party, hereby be commended for her efforts to promote the cause of human rights and religious liberty and to encourage more people in the Commonwealth to make their own contributions to help maintain our current freedoms; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chunyan Wang as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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