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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR FESI

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LAW ENFORCEMENT. Requests state and local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal authorities in discovering and closing clandestine branches of the Chinese Ministry of Public Security.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## 2 To urge and request state and local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal authorities in discovering and closing clandestine branches of the Chinese Ministry 3 4 of Public Security. 5 WHEREAS, in April 2023, two men were arrested on charges that they helped establish a secret police station in New York City on behalf of the Chinese government, and 6 7 three dozen officers with China's national police force were charged with using social media 8 to harass dissidents inside the United States; and 9 WHEREAS, these cases are part of a series of United States Department of Justice 10 prosecutions in recent years aimed at disrupting Chinese government efforts to locate and 11 suppress pro-democracy activists and others in the United States who are openly critical of Beijing's policies; and 12 13 WHEREAS, one of these New York cases concerns a local branch of the Chinese 14 Ministry of Public Security that was operating in an office building in Manhattan's Chinatown neighborhood before closing last fall amid an FBI investigation; and 15 16 WHEREAS, two men arrested were acting under the direction and control of a Chinese government official, and these men deleted communication with the Chinese official 17 from their phones after learning of the FBI's probe in an effort to obstruct the inquiry; and 18

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1	WHEREAS, China is believed to be operating secret police outposts not only in the
2	United States but in countries around the globe; and
3	WHEREAS, while these stations may perform some basic and legitimate services,
4	such as helping Chinese citizens renew their Chinese driver's licenses, they also serve a more
5	sinister function, namely, to help the Chinese government locate pro-democracy activists in
6	the United States; and
7	WHEREAS, these stations further allow the Chinese government to engage in
8	"transnational repression", whereby the Chinese government works to identify, intimidate,
9	and silence dissidents in the United States; and
10	WHEREAS, these secret police stations constitute a blatant violation of America's
11	national sovereignty and amount to a brazen effort to trample the rights and liberties that are
12	the bedrock of our American democracy; and
13	WHEREAS, state and local law enforcement agencies across the country should
14	assist and cooperate with the United States Department of Justice in its efforts to defend our
15	democracy, our democratic institutions, and our sovereignty.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	urge and request state and local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal
18	authorities in discovering and closing clandestine branches of the Chinese Ministry of Public
19	Security serving as secret police stations in the United States.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21	Louisiana Department of Public Safety, office of state police; the Louisiana Sheriffs'
22	Association; and the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

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