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Insert after section 30219G the following:

1 SEC. 30219H. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT ANY GIANT PANDA
2 BORN IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE-
3 LONG TO THE UNITED STATES.
4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
5 (1) The Chinese state has systematically lever-
6 aged giant pandas for diplomatic purposes, including
7 gaining favor in countries of economic interest and
8 value.
9 (2) China now loans giant pandas to foreign
10 countries in exchange for a fee of $500,000 per
11 panda, and the foreign country must agree to return
12 such panda to China.
13 (3) As of May 2019, China had loaned giant
14 pandas to approximately 22 zoos located in 18 dif-
15 ferent countries.
16 (4) Under the giant panda loan agreements be-
17 tween the United States and China, the United
18 States—
(A) bears the cost of caring for each giant panda in its possession, including costs relating to breeding; and

(B) may not negotiate the ownership of giant pandas born as the result of such breeding.

(5) On January 19, 2021, the Department of State determined China, under the direction and control of the Chinese Communist Party, committed crimes against humanity and genocide against the predominately Muslim Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang.

(6) In December 2021, the United States announced that they will not send any official representation to the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics due to such human rights violations.

(7) The People’s Liberation Army has and continues to threaten and intimidate Taiwan, one of the closest security partners and allies of the United States, with comprehensive live-fire exercises conducted by naval and air patrols in the East China Sea and Taiwan Strait.

(8) During the height of the 2019 pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, President Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China stated, “[T]hose who
engage in separatist activities in any part of China will be smashed into pieces.”.

(9) The Communist Party of China has been enriched by the gifting and leasing of giant pandas to the United States and other countries for decades.

(10) The United States plays an ongoing, vital role in conserving the endangered giant panda species through various breeding programs and is dedicated to repopulating the species.

(11) Prolonged studies of generations of pandas in United States zoos would lead to better scientific understanding of the species.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) any giant panda born in the United States should belong to the United States; and

(2) the United States should seek the coordination of its allies to establish collaborative giant panda breeding programs.