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Condemning violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric towards Muslims in the
United States.

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Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. TAKAI, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. KEATING, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. ESTY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. FARR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. LEE, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SIRES, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. POLIS, Mr. LOEBACK, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. TONKO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. HECK of Washington) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Condemning violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric towards
Muslims in the United States.

Whereas the victims of anti-Muslim hate crimes and rhetoric have faced physical, verbal, and emotional abuse because they were Muslim or believed to be Muslim;

Whereas the constitutional right to freedom of religious practice is a cherished United States value and violence or hate speech towards any United States community based on faith is in contravention of the Nation's founding principles;

Whereas there are millions of Muslims in the United States, a community made up of many diverse beliefs and cultures, and both immigrants and native-born citizens;

Whereas this Muslim community is recognized as having made innumerable contributions to the cultural and economic fabric and well-being of United States society;

Whereas hateful and intolerant acts against Muslims are contrary to the United States values of acceptance, welcoming, and fellowship with those of all faiths, beliefs, and cultures;

Whereas these acts affect not only the individual victims but also their families, communities, and the entire group whose faith or beliefs were the motivation for the act;

Whereas Muslim women who wear hijabs, headscarves, or other religious articles of clothing have been disproportionately targeted because of their religious clothing, articles, or observances; and

Whereas the rise of hateful and anti-Muslim speech, violence, and cultural ignorance plays into the false narrative spread by terrorist groups of Western hatred of Islam, and can encourage certain individuals to react in extreme and violent ways: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) expresses its condolences for the victims of
2 anti-Muslim hate crimes;

3 (2) steadfastly confirms its dedication to the
4 rights and dignity of all its citizens of all faiths, be-
5 liefs, and cultures;

6 (3) denounces in the strongest terms the in-
7 crease of hate speech, intimidation, violence, van-
8 dalism, arson, and other hate crimes targeted
9 against mosques, Muslims, or those perceived to be
10 Muslim;

11 (4) recognizes that the United States Muslim
12 community has made countless positive contributions
13 to United States society;

14 (5) declares that the civil rights and civil lib-
15 erties of all United States citizens, including Mus-
16 lims in the United States, should be protected and
17 preserved;

18 (6) urges local and Federal law enforcement au-
19 thorities to work to prevent hate crimes; and to
20 prosecute to the fullest extent of the law those per-
21 petrators of hate crimes; and

22 (7) reaffirms the inalienable right of every cit-
23 izen to live without fear and intimidation, and to
24 practice their freedom of faith.

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