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H. C. R. No. 19

Representatives Leland, Greenspan

Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Arndt, Ashford, Boggs, Boyd, Holmes, Howse, Kelly, O'Brien, Patterson, Rogers, Sheehy, Smith, K., Sykes, West

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To denounce and oppose the totalitarian impulses, violent terrorism, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies 2 that are promoted by white nationalists and neo-Nazis, 3 to urge law enforcement to recognize white nationalist 4 and neo-Nazi groups as terrorist organizations, and to 5 pursue the criminal elements of these domestic 6 terrorist organizations in the same manner and with 7 the same fervor used to protect the United States from 8 other manifestations of terrorism.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, The tragic events that took place on August 12,	10
2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, prove that organizations	11
that promote intimidation and violent repression of individuals	12
solely on the basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual	13
orientation, or immigration status remain very real threats to	14
social and racial progress; and	15
WHEREAS, Throughout the course of our nation's history,	16
various organizations have promoted intimidation and violent	17
repression of individuals solely on the basis of their race,	18

ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or immigration status;	19
and	20
WHEREAS, While free speech is a bedrock value for	21
Americans, white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups promote agendas	22
that are in irreconcilable conflict with our nation's	23
foundational principles of liberty and justice for all; and	24
WHEREAS, White nationalism and neo-Nazism are continuing to	25
grow as menaces to societal order that seek to reignite social	26
animosities, reverse improvements in race relations, divide the	27
nation, and foment hatred, classism, and ethnic eradication; and	28
WHEREAS, The white nationalist and neo-Nazi message of	29
racial and social intolerance has led to senseless acts of	30
violence that continue to terrorize members of ethnic and	31
religious minority communities; now therefore be it	32
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General	33
Assembly of the State of Ohio, strongly denounce and oppose the	34
totalitarian impulses, violent terrorism, xenophobic biases, and	35
bigoted ideologies that are promoted by white nationalists and	36
neo-Nazis; and be it further	37
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General	38
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge law enforcement to recognize	39
these white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups as terrorist	40
organizations and to pursue the criminal elements of these	41
domestic terrorist organizations in the same manner and with the	42
same fervor used to protect the United States from other	43
manifestations of terrorism; and be it further	44
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	45
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	46
Governor of Ohio, the President of the United States, the	47
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,	48
the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States	49

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Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and	50
the news media of Ohio.	51