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1ST SESSION

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To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for displaying nooses in public with intent to harass or intimidate a person because of that person's race, color, religion, or national origin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Noose Hate Crime Act
5 of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISPLAYING NOOSES IN PUBLIC WITH INTENT TO**
2 **HARASS OR INTIMIDATE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 249. Displaying nooses in public with intent to in-**
7 **timidate**

8 “Whoever, with intent to harass or intimidate any
9 person because of that person’s race, color, religion, or na-
10 tional origin, displays a noose in public shall be fined
11 under this title or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or
12 both.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of chapter 13 of title 18, United States
15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
16 item:

“249. Displaying nooses in public with intent to intimidate.”.

