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H. RES. 299

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that immigration makes the United States stronger.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MALINOWSKI (for himself, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. TRONE, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. PORTER, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. HECK, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. KIND, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COX of California, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. DEAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. COHEN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CROW, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. COOPER, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CASE, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CORREA, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. CRAIG, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. MOORE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SIRES, Mr. HIMES, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that immigration makes the United States stronger.

Whereas President Reagan said that you can go to live in France, but you cannot become a Frenchman, or you can go to live in Germany, Turkey, or Japan, but you cannot become a German, a Turk, or a Japanese, but anyone, from any corner of the Earth, can come to live in the United States and become an American;

Whereas the torch of Lady Liberty symbolizes our freedom and represents our heritage, the compact with our parents, our grandparents, and our ancestors, and gives us our great and special place in the world;

Whereas it is the great life force of each generation of new Americans that guarantees that the United States triumph shall continue unsurpassed into the coming century and beyond;

Whereas other countries may seek to compete with us, but in one vital area—as a beacon of freedom and opportunity that draws the people of the world—no country on Earth comes close;

Whereas this is one of the most important sources of the greatness of the United States—we lead the world because, unique among nations, we draw our people, our strength, from every country and every corner of the world, and by doing so we continuously renew and enrich our Nation;

Whereas while other countries cling to the stale past, here in the United States we breathe life into dreams, we create the future and the world follows us into tomorrow;

Whereas thanks to each wave of new arrivals to this land of opportunity, we're a Nation forever young, forever bursting with energy and new ideas, and always on the cutting edge, always leading the world to the next frontier;

Whereas if we ever closed the door to new Americans, our leadership in the world would soon be lost;

Whereas it is bold men and women, yearning for freedom and opportunity, who leave their homelands and come to a new country to start their lives over, believing in the American dream, and over and over making it come true for themselves, for their children, and for others;

Whereas immigrants give more than they receive—they labor and succeed, often as entrepreneurs, but their greatest contribution is more than economic, because they understand in a special way how glorious it is to be an American; and

Whereas they renew our pride and gratitude in the United States, the greatest, freest Nation in the world—the last, best hope of men and women on Earth: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This Act may be cited as the “Condemning White Su-
4 premacist Terrorism and the Anti-immigrant Rhetoric
5 that Inspires It Resolution”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 That the House of Representatives—

8 (1) believes that immigration makes the United
9 States stronger;

1 (2) is committed to keeping the United States
2 open to those lawfully seeking refuge and asylum
3 from violence and oppression and a chance to live
4 the American dream, no matter their race, faith, or
5 country of origin;

6 (3) recognizes that the Federal Government has
7 a duty to secure our borders, and that patriotic
8 Americans can disagree about the best way to do so,
9 within the boundaries set by our Constitution, our
10 laws, and our ideals as a Nation of immigrants;

11 (4) rejects the hateful propaganda of White su-
12 premacist terrorists, including those who committed
13 the massacres of Jewish people at Pittsburgh’s Tree
14 of Life synagogue building and of Muslims in
15 Christchurch, New Zealand, that immigrants to our
16 country or to other countries are “invaders” or that
17 they pose any intrinsic threat to society;

18 (5) condemns political leaders who legitimize
19 White supremacist ideology by echoing claims of an
20 immigrant invasion, by falsely alleging that our fel-
21 low Americans who are immigrants and refugees
22 commit more crimes or contribute less to our society
23 than native born citizens, or by spreading conspiracy
24 theories about the law enforcement and intelligence
25 agencies seeking to protect every American;

1 (6) encourages the men and women of the Jus-
2 tice Department, including the Federal Bureau of
3 Investigation, the Department of Homeland Secu-
4 rity, and State and local law enforcement agencies,
5 to enhance their efforts so that the threat posed by
6 domestic terrorism and extremist ideology is met
7 with the same seriousness and resolve as the threat
8 posed by terrorist groups based outside the United
9 States; and

10 (7) urges social media companies to take addi-
11 tional steps to remove extremist content from their
12 platforms, and urges them to reevaluate how they
13 deliver information, including algorithms that drive
14 users towards sensational content and ideological ex-
15 tremes.

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