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H. RES. 1216

Condemning the politically motivated attack on April 25, 2026, at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner and denouncing political violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mrs. KIM (for herself, Mrs. LUNA, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and 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

Condemning the politically motivated attack on April 25, 2026, at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner and denouncing political violence.

Whereas, on April 25, 2026, shots were fired at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump, First Lady Melania Trump, Vice President JD Vance, and members of the Cabinet were evacuated by the United States Secret Service following the attack;

Whereas the gunman espoused ideals of political violence and lawless retribution in a public manifesto;

Whereas the gunman, armed with multiple firearms and knives, expressed intent to directly target President Trump and Trump administration officials;

Whereas the gunman had documents that declared himself a “Friendly Federal Assassin”, making clear that the attack was a premeditated, politically motivated act of violence;

Whereas agents of the United States Secret Service quickly apprehended the suspect shortly after shots were fired and saved lives by intervening with their bravery and rapid response to the attack;

Whereas one officer of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division was injured during the shooting and is expected to make a full recovery;

Whereas this is the third assassination attempt against President Trump and follows a troubling escalation in politically motivated violence;

Whereas the White House Correspondents’ Association Dinner has served for over a century as a celebration of the free press and the First Amendment values foundational to United States democracy;

Whereas political violence of any kind is antithetical to the principles of democratic self-governance and has no place in the United States; and

Whereas President Trump, during his immediate remarks following the attack, emphasized national unity by urging United States citizens to “recommit with their hearts in resolving our differences peacefully”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns unequivocally political violence in
2 all forms;

3 (2) commends the United States Secret Service,
4 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Metropoli-
5 tan Police Department, United States Capitol Police,
6 and all law enforcement personnel who responded
7 with courage and professionalism to protect all
8 guests in attendance;

9 (3) works to ensure that future politically moti-
10 vated attacks do not happen again;

11 (4) urges United States citizens to reconcile dif-
12 ferences peacefully through open discussion and civil
13 debate;

14 (5) calls upon all elected officials, public fig-
15 ures, and media organizations to unequivocally reject
16 any rhetoric that encourages political violence and
17 dehumanizes political opponents; and

18 (6) reiterates the urgency of Congress swiftly
19 passing a Department of Homeland Security funding
20 bill, including robust funding for the United States
21 Secret Service, to protect our Nation's leaders and
22 United States citizens.

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