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S. RES. 78

To designate April 30, 1997, as “National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 1997

Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REID, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ROBB, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 30, 1997

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the term “hate crime” means an offense in which one or more individuals, commits an offense (such as an assault or battery (simple or aggravated), theft, criminal trespass, damage to property, mob action, disorderly con-

duct, or telephone harassment) by reason of the race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or national origin of another individual or group of individuals;

Whereas there are almost 8,000 hate crimes reported to the Department of Justice each year, and the number of hate crimes reported increases each year;

Whereas hate crimes have no place in a civilized society that is dedicated to freedom and independence, as is the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States must lead and set the example for the world in protecting the rights of all people;

Whereas the people of the United States should take personal responsibility for and action against hatred and hate crimes;

Whereas the Members of Congress, as representatives of the people of the United States, must take personal responsibility for and action against hatred and hate crimes;

Whereas the laws against hate crimes, which have been passed by Congress and signed by the President, must be supported and implemented by the people of the United States and by Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials and other public servants: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 30, 1997, as “National
3 Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling upon the people of the United States

1 and throughout the world to recognize the impor-
2 tance of using each day as an opportunity to take
3 a stand against hate crimes and violence in their na-
4 tions, states, neighborhoods, and communities.

