

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 136

Condemning the acts of arson at three Sacramento, California, area synagogues on June 18, 1999, and calling on all Americans to categorically reject crimes of hate and intolerance.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 1, 1999

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. DASCHLE)  
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Condemning the acts of arson at three Sacramento, California, area synagogues on June 18, 1999, and calling on all Americans to categorically reject crimes of hate and intolerance.

Whereas on the evening of June 18, 1999, in Sacramento, California, the Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Keneset Israel Torah Center were victims of malicious and cowardly acts of arson;

Whereas such crimes against our institutions of faith are crimes against us all;

Whereas we have celebrated since our Nation's birth the rich and colorful diversity of its people, and the sanctity of a free and democratic society;

Whereas the liberties Americans enjoy are attributed in large part to the courage and determination of visionaries who made great strides in overcoming the barriers of oppression, intolerance, and discrimination in order to ensure fair and equal treatment for every American by every American;

Whereas this type of unacceptable behavior is a direct assault upon the fundamental rights of all Americans who cherish their freedom of religion; and

Whereas every Member of Congress serves in part as a role model and bears a responsibility to protect and honor the multitude of cultural institutions and traditions we enjoy in the United States of America: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) condemns the crimes that occurred in Sac-  
3       ramento, California, at Congregation B’nai Israel,  
4       Congregation Beth Shalom, and Keneset Israel  
5       Torah Center on the evening of June 18, 1999;

6               (2) rejects such acts of intolerance and malice  
7       in our society and interprets such attacks on cul-  
8       tural and religious institutions as an attack on all  
9       Americans;

10              (3) in the strongest terms possible, is com-  
11       mitted to using Federal law enforcement personnel  
12       and resources pursuant to existing Federal authority  
13       to identify the persons who committed these heinous  
14       acts and bring them to justice in a swift and delib-  
15       erate manner;

1           (4) recognizes and applauds the residents of the  
2       Sacramento, California, area who have so quickly  
3       joined together to lend support and assistance to the  
4       victims of these despicable crimes, and remain com-  
5       mitted to preserving the freedom of religion of all  
6       members of the community; and

7           (5) calls upon all Americans to categorically re-  
8       ject similar acts of hate and intolerance.

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