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Recognizing the significance of the 30th anniversary of Vincent Chin's death.

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Ms. CHU (for herself, Mr. HONDA, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. CONYERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the significance of the 30th anniversary of
Vincent Chin's death.

Whereas June 23, 2012, marks the 30th anniversary of the death of Vincent Jen Chin;

Whereas Chin, a United States citizen of Chinese descent, lived in Michigan during an economic recession when factories were being closed and workers were being laid off, leading some to blame Japanese imports for the challenges facing the United States automobile industry;

Whereas the economic challenges in Detroit resulted in strong anti-Japanese sentiments, including acts of vandalism against Japanese cars, threats against Japanese car own-

ers, disparaging signs, and attempts to burn the Japanese flag in protest;

Whereas Chin, who was celebrating his upcoming wedding with friends in the Detroit area, was chased down and beaten to death with a baseball bat by two men who accused him of being responsible for the loss of automobile manufacturing jobs in the United States;

Whereas Chin's killers were found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to three years of probation and a \$3,000 fine, never serving a day in jail for Chin's murder;

Whereas the tragedy of Chin's death became a primary catalyst for a unified, pan-ethnic Asian Pacific American movement and united people from all communities to fight against hate; and

Whereas the lessons of Chin's death still hold critical relevance today as we address the ongoing challenges of hate crimes, profiling, xenophobia, and bullying: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
 2 nizes the significance of the 30th anniversary of Vincent
 3 Chin's death as an important time to reflect on the dan-
 4 gers of xenophobia and scapegoating.

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