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Denouncing and opposing the violence, xenophobia, and bigotry that are promoted by White nationalists and neo-Nazis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. LEE, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. EVANS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VELA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SIRES, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. RUSH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. MOULTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Denouncing and opposing the violence, xenophobia, and bigotry that are promoted by White nationalists and neo-Nazis.

Whereas the horrific events that took place on August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, serve as yet another example that White nationalism and neo-Nazism present a very real threat to social and racial progress;

Whereas White nationalism and White supremacy persist and are practically interchangeable;

Whereas for centuries White nationalism has oppressed individuals solely on the basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and immigration status;

Whereas today White supremacy—also known as White nationalism—now self-identifies as the “Alt-Right” and its present-day rhetoric and terrorism invoke painful memories of the oppressive past;

Whereas while free speech is a bedrock value for Americans, White nationalist and neo-Nazi groups promote agendas that are in irreconcilable conflict with our Nation’s foundational principles of liberty and justice for all, and in many instances, incite hateful acts against minorities and historically persecuted individuals and groups;

Whereas White nationalism and neo-Nazism are wicked menaces to societal progress and their followers seek to amplify oppression, eviscerate improvements in race relations, divide our Nation and our people, and foment hatred, classism, and ethnic eradication; and

Whereas the White nationalist and neo-Nazi message of racial and social intolerance has led to senseless acts of violence that continue to terrorize members of ethnic and religious minority communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) strongly denounces and opposes the vio-
4 lence, xenophobia, and bigotry that are promoted by
5 White nationalists and neo-Nazis;

6 (2) urges our Nation’s Federal, State, and local
7 law enforcement agencies to recognize White nation-

1 alist and neo-Nazi groups as terrorist organizations
2 and to pursue the criminal elements of these domes-
3 tic terrorist organizations in the same manner and
4 with the same fervor used to protect the United
5 States from other manifestations of terrorism; and

6 (3) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
7 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
8 to the President, each Member of the Senate, and
9 each Member of the House of Representatives.

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