

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism is an ancient form of religious hatred
2 that has resulted in centuries of persecution and injustice
3 directed against Jewish people throughout the world; and

4 WHEREAS, During the past half-century, the people of the
5 State of Texas and of many other parts of the United States have
6 worked to increase their collective commitment to democratic
7 values, to provide educational initiatives that promote tolerance
8 and respect, and to safeguard the civil rights of all citizens, thus
9 tempering the spread of anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred;
10 sustaining those efforts is a matter of the highest importance to
11 this nation and this state; and

12 WHEREAS, A resurgence of anti-Semitism is now occurring in
13 many parts of the world, aided by the easy transmittal of injurious
14 communications via the Internet and other media; anti-Semitism is
15 re-emerging throughout Europe with a virulence not seen since the
16 end of World War II, while in many countries anti-Semitic
17 sentiments have become a common feature in the media, in government
18 pronouncements, and in religious declarations; and

19 WHEREAS, The governments and leaders of many nations have
20 been slow to recognize and respond to the resurgence of
21 anti-Semitism on their own soil, thus encouraging and emboldening
22 proponents of anti-Jewish activities and undermining the spirit of
23 pluralism that is essential to any democracy; and

24 WHEREAS, Citizens of Texas, and indeed all Americans, have a

1 profound interest in seeing hatred replaced by respect and
2 totalitarianism replaced by democracy; the members of this chamber
3 believe that an end to anti-Semitism would benefit all Texans and
4 that every available legislative measure should be used to
5 accomplish that goal; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend the Southwest and North Texas Regions of
8 the Anti-Defamation League for their efforts to combat the spread
9 of anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred, both domestically and
10 internationally, while advancing the spirit of tolerance and
11 respect that is fundamental to democratic life; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives also
13 encourage all Texans to make a commitment to fighting
14 anti-Semitism, defending democracy, and protecting civil rights
15 throughout the world.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 770 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House