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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.