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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded in 1913
2 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and
3 fair treatment for all citizens," because you cannot fight one type
4 of hatred without fighting all types of hatred; and

5 WHEREAS, ADL has been at the forefront of the struggle to
6 eradicate bias, prejudice, racism, and bigotry in all its forms
7 nationally for 100 years and has maintained offices in Texas for
8 more than 60 years; and

9 WHEREAS, In the 1920s, ADL challenged quotas limiting Jews'
10 admission to colleges and universities and fought the exclusion of
11 Jews from certain neighborhoods and professions; and

12 WHEREAS, In the 1930s, alarmed that American nativist and
13 fascist groups not only threatened Jews but American democracy, ADL
14 established a research operation aimed at monitoring and exposing
15 extremists, an operation which exists today; and

16 WHEREAS, In the 1940s, ADL launched a massive operation to
17 uncover Nazi supporters and hate groups in the United States and
18 worked to expose the Ku Klux Klan as it prepared to increase its
19 racist terror against black Americans; and

20 WHEREAS, In the 1950s, ADL strengthened its efforts to help
21 black Americans through the courts, the legislatures, and the
22 media, filing an amicus brief in the *Brown v. Board of Education*
23 case, and wrote a model anti-mask statute that helped unmask
24 members of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups; and

1 WHEREAS, In the 1960s, ADL worked closely with civil rights
2 leaders and government officials to pass laws providing equal
3 rights in voting, employment, and housing for black Americans and
4 helped engender a new era of dialogue and friendship between
5 Catholics and Jews by working closely with the Vatican on *Nostra*
6 *Aetate*; and

7 WHEREAS, In the 1970s, ADL became an international
8 organization, opening offices in Israel and Europe, fought with
9 other organizations to counteract an Arab boycott of companies that
10 did business with Israel, and began its Audit of Anti-Semitic
11 Incidents; and

12 WHEREAS, In the 1980s, ADL created its groundbreaking
13 education campaign, the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute, which has
14 helped nearly 100,000,000 students, 11,000 educators, and nearly
15 8,000 family and community members around the world embrace respect
16 and fight bias and hatred; and

17 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, ADL stepped forward to expose the
18 beginnings of online hate and established its No Place for Hate
19 campaign, which has helped forge an atmosphere of respect and
20 appreciation for diversity in over 600 schools in Texas and many
21 more throughout the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, In the 2000s, ADL responded to the terrorist attack
23 of September 11, 2001, by intensifying its training for law
24 enforcement and working to help officers and others understand how
25 terrorists and extremists operate, including the signs, symbols,
26 and ideologies they employ, to prevent additional acts of
27 terrorism; it worked with the family of James Byrd, Jr., in Texas to

1 pass a monumental hate crime law with the James Byrd, Jr., Hate
2 Crimes Act, and a groundbreaking national law with the Matthew
3 Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act; and

4 WHEREAS, In the 2010s, ADL has made significant progress
5 against prejudice and hatred; the need for the Anti-Defamation
6 League still exists and ADL will never give up in the fight to make
7 hatred a thing of the past; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature, hereby honor the Anti-Defamation League, extend to its
10 staff and leaders sincere best wishes in all their endeavors, and
11 join with ADL in its efforts this centennial year to "Imagine a
12 World Without Hate."