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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Acts of anti-Semitism in countries throughout the
- 2 world have increased in frequency and severity over the last
- 3 several years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The gravity of the situation escalated
- 5 substantially in 2014 when incidents of murder, violent attacks and
- 6 death threats, gun violence, arson, graffiti, anti-Semitic
- 7 cartoons, and property desecration at cemeteries and places of
- 8 worship and communal activity were recorded in Europe, North
- 9 America, Latin America, and the Middle East; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In April 2014, the U.S. Department of State released
- 11 the International Religious Freedom Report and noted,
- 12 "[t]hroughout Europe, the historical stain of anti-Semitism
- 13 continued to be a fact of life, leading many individuals who are
- 14 Jewish to conceal their religious identity"; and
- WHEREAS, A recent European Union Fundamental Rights Agency
- 16 survey in eight countries found that 25 percent of the Jews
- 17 interviewed reported that they had been victims of an anti-Semitic
- 18 episode in the past year, and many Jewish citizens of the EU are
- 19 thinking of emigrating because of the mounting anti-Semitic
- 20 violence and their increased security concerns; and
- 21 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of every citizen to take a
- 22 strong stand against anti-Semitism and any religious and cultural
- 23 intolerance; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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- 1 Legislature hereby express its condemnation of all forms of
- 2 domestic and global anti-Semitism; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives:
- 4 (1) condemn all official and unofficial sanctioning of anti-Semitic activity by any government;
 - (2) express its continued commitment to combating anti-Semitism and to promoting tolerance at home and abroad;
 - (3) urge all governments to take all steps necessary to eradicate anti-Semitism, prevent extremist indoctrination and recruitment, and promote religious tolerance; and
- 13 (4) express its support of expanded Holocaust
 14 education programs that increase awareness and
 15 counter intolerance and discrimination;
- 16 and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives call on all citizens and entities to continue to be vigilant in their efforts to prevent anti-Semitism and to report acts of anti-Semitism, hate crimes, and other violations of human rights and religious freedom.

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