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R E S O L U T I O N

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

15 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

1 Legislature hereby express its condemnation of all forms of  
2 domestic and global anti-Semitism; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives:

4           (1) condemn all official and unofficial sanctioning of  
5           anti-Semitic activity by any government;

6           (2) express its continued commitment to combating  
7           anti-Semitism and to promoting tolerance at home  
8           and abroad;

9           (3) urge all governments to take all steps necessary  
10          to eradicate anti-Semitism, prevent extremist  
11          indoctrination and recruitment, and promote  
12          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

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