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H.R. No. 478

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia,
2 numerous people were injured, H. Jay Cullen and Burke N.M. Bates
3 perished serving and attempting to restore order within their city,
4 and Heather Heyer was killed by an act of domestic terrorism; and

5 WHEREAS, This tragic event demonstrates that the resurgence
6 of white nationalism, fascism, neo-Nazism, and similar movements is
7 a clear threat to America and her people; and

8 WHEREAS, Since the inception of our nation and state, these
9 divisive ideas have, like persistent weeds, twisted within the
10 bedrock of our democracy and stood in opposition to the principles
11 of liberty, diversity, and justice that have truly made us great;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The rebranding of these ideas as the "alt-Right"
14 does not disguise or legitimize them, and we recognize them as
15 merely a modern incarnation of the animus behind disgraceful
16 chapters in history such as slavery, Jim Crow, and the Holocaust;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, These sentiments are incompatible with the values we
19 hold dear as Texans and Americans; and

20 WHEREAS, While supporting the constitutional freedom of
21 speech, we nonetheless unequivocally reject and repudiate any
22 message denigrating others based on race, ethnicity, religion,
23 sexual orientation, immigration status, or any other consideration
24 beyond the content of their character; and

1 WHEREAS, Any group which promotes intimidation and violent
2 repression is, by definition, a terrorist organization; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby condemns white
6 nationalism, fascism, neo-Nazism, and similar movements; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby urges law enforcement
10 agencies to regard and pursue the criminal elements of such
11 organizations as terrorists; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Texas House of
13 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the
14 President of the United States and to all members of the Texas
15 delegation in Congress with the request that this resolution be
16 entered in the Congressional Record.