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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, We respect the rule of law and love of our neighbors;  
2 and

3           WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State defines anti-Semitism  
4 as: "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred  
5 toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of  
6 anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals  
7 and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and  
8 religious facilities;" and

9           WHEREAS, There is clear evidence of increasing incidents and  
10 expressions of anti-Semitism throughout the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, Anti-Semitic acts committed and recorded since the  
12 Presidential election on November 8, 2017 have increased and  
13 include violent attacks and death threats against Jews, arson,  
14 graffiti and property desecration at Jewish cemeteries, places of  
15 worship, schools and community centers; and

16           WHEREAS, The very recent acts of vandalism on more than 100  
17 gravestones at a Jewish cemetery in Missouri, as well as 11 reported  
18 bomb threats against Jewish community centers across the United  
19 States in one day have given rise to concerns about an increase in  
20 anti-Semitism across the country; and

21           WHEREAS, The United States government has played an essential  
22 role in counteracting the resurgence of anti-Semitism worldwide and  
23 has consistently supported efforts to address the rise of  
24 anti-Semitism through its bilateral relationships and

1 participation in international organizations such as the United  
2 Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,  
3 and the Organization of American States; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Texas applauds the United States and  
5 those foreign leaders who have condemned anti-Semitic acts and  
6 calls on those who have yet to take firm action against  
7 anti-Semitism in their countries to do so; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas House of Representatives  
9 strongly condemn the recent acts of anti-Semitism and call on the  
10 President of the United States and members of Congress to follow  
11 suit; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the members of the Texas House of  
13 Representatives support expanded anti-bias education programs in  
14 Texas public schools to increase awareness, counter prejudice and  
15 enhance efforts to teach the universal lessons of tolerance and  
16 inclusivity; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Texas House of  
18 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the  
19 President of the United States, and to all members of the Texas  
20 delegation in Congress and request that this resolution be entered  
21 in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the  
22 United States of America.