

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 6

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need to pass legislation  
to increase penalties on perpetrators of hate crimes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas submitted the following concurrent resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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to pass legislation to increase penalties on perpetrators  
of hate crimes.

- 1 Whereas diversity and tolerance are essential principles of
- 2 an open and free society;
- 3 Whereas all people deserve to be safe within their commu-
- 4 nities, free to live, work, and worship without fear of
- 5 violence and bigotry;
- 6 Whereas crimes motivated by hatred against persons be-
- 7 cause of their race, color, religion, national origin,
- 8 gender, sexual orientation, or disability undermine the
- 9 fundamental values of our Nation;

1 Whereas hate crimes tear at the fabric of American soci-  
2 ety, leave scars on victims and their families, and  
3 weaken our sense of community and purpose; and

4 Whereas individuals who commit crimes based on hate and  
5 bigotry must be held responsible for their actions and  
6 must be stopped from spreading violence: Now, there-  
7 fore, be it

8 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
9 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the  
10 Congress—

11 (1) needs to pass legislation that amends the  
12 Federal criminal code to set penalties for persons  
13 who commit acts of violence against other persons  
14 because of the actual or perceived race, color, reli-  
15 gion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or  
16 disability of any person;

17 (2) condemns the culture of hate and the hate  
18 groups that foster such violent acts;

19 (3) commends the communities throughout our  
20 Nation that are united in condemning such acts of  
21 hate in their neighborhoods;

22 (4) commends the efforts of Federal, State, and  
23 local law enforcement officials; and

24 (5) reaffirms its commitment to a society that  
25 fully respects and protects all people, regardless of

- 1 race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual
- 2 orientation, or disability.

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