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# H. RES. 138

Expressing the resolve of Congress to take an active role in eliminating racism.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. HORN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. FURSE, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. FROST, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MANTON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. OWENS, Ms. CARSON, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the resolve of Congress to take an active role in eliminating racism.

Whereas, from its inception, the United States has been plagued by racial division, but there have always been individuals willing to fight such ignorance;

Whereas no one is immune from prejudice; people of every race, ethnicity, or creed can contribute to or elucidate the problem of racism;

Whereas silence only propagates division, and conscientious dialog is essential to resolving differences and prejudice;

Whereas no one group bears the onus of resolving the problem, and all must work together to set aside our learned

differences; we must acknowledge that our freedom is bound up in the liberation of others and to that end we must act now;

Whereas when we are divided by racism, we are weakened as a Nation; in the beginning our government played a role in perpetuating racism, but for almost 140 years has worked at great length to address the problems of racial inequality;

Whereas we understand that there are differing views on how to bring about a more just society, but recognize that the elimination of racism is a way of resolving many of the injustices in the United States; and

Whereas it is not enough merely to acknowledge that all races possess equal rights, and action must be taken to guarantee that equal opportunity and respect are afforded to all people through the enforcement of laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That today, we, in our capacities as Rep-  
2       resentatives of the citizens of the United States of Amer-  
3       ica, commit ourselves to the elimination of racism and  
4       pledge to work tirelessly on behalf of justice and peace  
5       for all people.

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