

106TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 289

Condemning the racist and anti-Semitic views of the Reverend Al Sharpton.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2000

Mr. SCARBOROUGH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the racist and anti-Semitic views of the Reverend Al Sharpton.

Whereas the Congress strongly rejects the racist and incendiary actions of the Reverend Al Sharpton;

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton has condoned anti-Semitic views in that protesters from the Reverend Sharpton's National Action Network have referred to members of the Jewish faith as "bloodsucking [J]ews", and "Jew bastards";

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton has referred to members of the Jewish faith as "white interlopers" and "diamond merchants";

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton was found guilty of defamation by a jury in a New York court arising from the false accusation that former Assistant District Attorney

Steven Pagones, who is white, raped and assaulted a fifteen-year-old black girl;

Whereas, to this day, the Reverend Al Sharpton has refused to accept responsibility and expresses no regret for defaming Mr. Pagones;

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton's vicious verbal anti-Semitic attacks directed at members of the Jewish faith, and in particular, a Jewish landlord, arising from a simple landlord-tenant dispute with a black tenant, incited widespread violence, riots, and the murder of five innocent people;

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton's fierce demagoguery incited violence, riots, and murder in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, New York, following the accidental death of a black pedestrian child hit by the motorcade of Orthodox Rabbi Menachem Schneerson;

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton led a protest in the Crown Heights neighborhood and marched next to a protester with a sign that read, "The White Man is the Devil";

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton has insulted members of the Jewish faith by challenging Jews to violence and stating to Jews to "pin down" their yarmulkes; and

Whereas the Reverend Al Sharpton has practiced the politics of racial division and made inflammatory remarks against whites by characterizing the death of Amadou Diallo as a "racially motivated police 'assassination'": Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

1 (1) condemns the practices of the Reverend Al
2 Sharpton, which seek to divide Americans on the
3 basis of race, ethnicity, and religion;

4 (2) expresses its outrage over the violence that
5 has resulted due to the Reverend Al Sharpton's in-
6 cendiary words and actions; and

7 (3) fervently urges elected officials and public
8 servants, who have condoned and legitimized the
9 Reverend Al Sharpton's incendiary words and ac-
10 tions, to publicly denounce and condemn such racist
11 and anti-Semitic views.

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