

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 226

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the acts of arson at three Sacramento, California, area synagogues on June 18, 1999, and affirming its opposition to such crimes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 1999

Mr. OSE (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. POMBO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HORN, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COX, Mr. DREIER, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. GOODE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. WEINER, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DIXON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. TIERNEY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. FROST, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. FORBES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. ACKERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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The Committee on the Judiciary discharged; considered and agreed to

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives con-

demning the acts of arson at three Sacramento, California, area synagogues on June 18, 1999, and affirming its opposition to such crimes.

Whereas on the evening of June 18, 1999, in Sacramento, California, the Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Keneset Israel Torah Center were victims of malicious and cowardly acts of arson;

Whereas such crimes against our institutions of faith are crimes against us all;

Whereas we have celebrated since our Nation's birth the rich and colorful diversity of its people, and the sanctity of a free and democratic society;

Whereas the liberties Americans enjoy are attributed in large part to the courage and determination of visionaries who made great strides in overcoming the barriers of oppression, intolerance, and discrimination in order to ensure fair and equal treatment for every American by every American;

Whereas this type of unacceptable behavior is a direct assault upon the fundamental rights of all Americans who cherish their freedom of religion; and

Whereas every Member of Congress serves in part as a role model and bears a responsibility to protect and honor the multitude of cultural institutions and traditions we enjoy in the United States of America: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2                (1) condemns the crimes that occurred in Sac-
- 3                ramento, California, at Congregation B'nai Israel,

1 Congregation Beth Shalom, and Keneset Israel  
2 Torah Center on the evening of June 18, 1999;

3 (2) rejects such acts of intolerance and malice  
4 in our society and interprets such attacks on cul-  
5 tural and religious institutions as an attack on all  
6 Americans;

7 (3) in the strongest terms possible, is com-  
8 mitted to using Federal law enforcement personnel  
9 and resources to identify the persons who committed  
10 these heinous acts and bring them to justice in a  
11 swift and deliberate manner;

12 (4) recognizes and applauds the residents of the  
13 Sacramento, California, area who have so quickly  
14 joined together to lend support and assistance to the  
15 victims of these despicable crimes, and remain com-  
16 mitted to preserving the freedom of religion of all  
17 members of the community; and

18 (5) calls upon all Americans to categorically re-  
19 ject similar acts crimes of hate and intolerance.

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