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Condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh Americans in the wake of
terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.

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RESOLUTION

Condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.

Whereas all Americans are united in condemning, in the strongest possible terms, the terrorists who planned and carried out the attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and in pursuing all those responsible for those attacks and their sponsors until they are brought to justice;

Whereas Sikh Americans form a vibrant, peaceful, and law-abiding part of America's people;

Whereas approximately 500,000 Sikh Americans reside in the United States and are a vital part of the Nation;

Whereas Sikh Americans stand resolutely in support of the commitment of our Government to bring the terrorists and those that harbor them to justice;

Whereas the Sikh faith is a distinct religion with a distinct religious and ethnic identity that has its own places of worship and a distinct holy text and religious tenets;

Whereas many Sikh Americans, who are easily recognizable by their turbans and beards, which are required articles of their faith, have suffered both verbal and physical assaults as a result of misguided anger toward Arab Americans and Muslim Americans in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack;

Whereas Sikh Americans, as do all Americans, condemn acts of hate and prejudice against any American; and

Whereas the House of Representatives is seriously concerned by the number of hate crimes against Sikh Americans

and other Americans all across the Nation that have been reported in the wake of the tragic events that unfolded on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) declares that, in the quest to identify, lo-
3 cate, and bring to justice the perpetrators and spon-
4 sors of the terrorist attacks on the United States on
5 September 11, 2001, the civil rights and civil lib-
6 erties of all Americans, including Sikh Americans,
7 should be protected;

8 (2) condemns bigotry and any acts of violence
9 or discrimination against any Americans, including
10 Sikh Americans;

11 (3) calls upon local and Federal law enforce-
12 ment authorities to work to prevent hate crimes
13 against all Americans, including Sikh Americans;
14 and

15 (4) calls upon local and Federal law enforce-
16 ment authorities to prosecute to the fullest extent of
17 the law all those who commit hate crimes.

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