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# H. RES. 234

Condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans,  
South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2003

Mr. ISSA (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. HONDA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## **RESOLUTION**

Condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans.

Whereas all Americans are united in supporting American men and women who protect our Nation abroad and at home;

Whereas thousands of Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans serve in the military and in law enforcement, working to protect all Americans;

Whereas the Arab-American, Muslim-American, South Asian-American, and Sikh-American communities are vibrant, peaceful, and law-abiding, and have greatly contributed to American society; and

Whereas all Americans, including Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans, condemn acts of violence and prejudice: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) is concerned by the number of bias-moti-  
3       vated crimes against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Amer-  
4       icans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans,  
5       and other Americans in recent months;

6               (2) declares that the civil rights and civil lib-  
7       erties of all Americans, including Arab-Americans,  
8       Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
9       Sikh-Americans, should be protected;

10              (3) condemns bigotry and acts of violence  
11       against any American, including Arab-Americans,  
12       Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
13       Sikh-Americans;

14              (4) calls upon local, State, and Federal law en-  
15       forcement authorities to work to prevent bias-moti-  
16       vated crimes against all Americans, including Arab-  
17       Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Ameri-  
18       cans, and Sikh-Americans; and

19              (5) calls upon local, State, and Federal law en-  
20       forcement authorities to investigate and prosecute  
21       vigorously all such crimes committed against Arab-

- 1 Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Ameri-
- 2 cans, and Sikh-Americans.

