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Condemning bigotry, violence, and discrimination against Iranian-Americans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEHAN (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MICA, and Mr. FEENEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Condemning bigotry, violence, and discrimination against
Iranian-Americans.

Whereas Iranian-Americans serve as government officials, in the military and law enforcement, working to uphold the constitution of the United States and to protect all Americans;

Whereas Iranian-Americans are vibrant, peaceful, and law-abiding citizens of the Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Zoroastrian faiths, or are non-religious;

Whereas Iranian-Americans have greatly contributed to the social and economic fabric of American society;

Whereas the United States condemns acts of bigotry, violence, and discrimination;

Whereas the House of Representatives is seriously concerned regarding the findings, in the report of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, of arrests followed by detentions for extended periods of time without charges, denials of access to counsel, and abuse by prison guards of nationals of Iranian origin following September 11, 2001;

Whereas the House of Representatives is seriously concerned regarding the findings in that report of discriminatory enforcement of the immigration laws, leading to arbitrary detentions and deportations of nationals of Iranian origin; and

Whereas the House of Representatives is seriously concerned by the alarming number of reports of incidents of discrimination and bias-motivated crime against Americans of Middle Eastern descent, including Iranian-Americans, all across the Nation 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 government leaders and law
3 enforcement personnel should ensure that the civil
4 rights and civil liberties of all Americans, including
5 Iranian-Americans, are fully protected;

6 (2) condemns bigotry and any acts of violence
7 or discrimination against any American, including
8 Iranian-Americans;

9 (3) encourages Iranian-Americans to share
10 their experiences with local, State, and Federal elect-

1 ed officials as well as others in their community to
2 end stereotypes, correct misconceptions, and convey
3 instances of abuse against the Iranian-American
4 community; and

5 (4) calls upon local, State, and Federal law en-
6 forcement authorities to investigate and vigorously
7 prosecute crimes committed against all Americans,
8 including Iranian-Americans, that are based on ac-
9 tual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin,
10 or ethnicity.

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