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H. CON. RES. 86

Condemning the racist and hate-based attacks on our college campuses and reaffirming our support for inclusion and safety in our institutions of higher learning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2017

Ms. WILSON of Florida (for herself, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LEE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. BASS, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the racist and hate-based attacks on our college campuses and reaffirming our support for inclusion and safety in our institutions of higher learning.

Whereas, on April 30, 2017, a fraternity at Baylor University sponsored a “Mexican-themed” party replete with a border wall and offensive Mexican stereotypes;

Whereas, on April 30, 2017, a homophobic slur appeared on a fence near the Central Campus building at Duke University;

Whereas, on May 20, 2017, Lt. Collins was stabbed to death in an unprovoked attack at a bus stop on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park;

Whereas his attacker, Sean Christopher Urbanski, had an association with an Alt-Right White supremacist group named “Alt Reich: Nation”;

Whereas a noose was hung from a tree on the campus of American University, on the day the student body elected its first African-American president;

Whereas Adolf Hitler themed Valentine’s Day cards reading “my love 4 u burns like 6,000 Jews” circulated around Central Michigan University campus;

Whereas such incidents are the latest in an escalating rise in hate-motivated activities on college campuses targeting racial and religious minorities, foreign nationals, physically challenged and the LGBT community;

Whereas a rising number of nationalist, racist, homophobic, neo-Nazi and White supremacist organizations have expanded and intensified their outreach strategies to grow their influence and networks on college campuses;

Whereas these strategies include fliers, online organizing, social media campaigns, events with national leaders, and efforts to insert a physical presence on college campuses to attract protest and media coverage;

Whereas these strategies led to the recent deadly chaos in the college town of Charlottesville, responsible for the loss of the young life of Heather Heyer protesting the White supremacist and neo-Nazi rally;

Whereas the moral equivalency and lack of principles in the response from the Administration following the Char-

lottesville attack could further embolden and legitimize hate-based activities across the Nation;

Whereas we must not allow the freedom of speech protected by the Constitution and upheld by United States Congress to be used as cover for hate-based activities and crimes; and

Whereas the United States House of Representatives must come together and address the pressing issues leading to these heinous actions and tragic losses: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) condemns the increased harassment and vi-
4 olence targeted at students because of their racial,
5 ethnic, religious, and sexual background;

6 (2) identifies the elaborate and persistent ef-
7 forts by extremist organizations to influence and re-
8 cruit young people and the normalization of hate-
9 based activities through moral equivalencies, political
10 equivocacies and platitudes about free speech;

11 (3) recognizes the efforts by staff at institutions
12 of higher learning and law-enforcement personnel to
13 respond to violence, extremism and racism and pro-
14 tect all members of the community from harm and
15 hate; and

16 (4) remains actively committed to creating safe,
17 tolerant, and respectful learning environments that

- 1 fully respect members from all backgrounds on col-
- 2 lege campuses.

