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H. RES. 1121

Remembering the 20th anniversary of Matthew Shepard's death and expressing Congress's continued support for the prevention of hate crimes and the advancement of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Americans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 12, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. LEE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. HIMES, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. MENG, Mr. EVANS, Mr. COSTA, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DELANEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. MACARTHUR, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. BASS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CRIST, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. WALZ, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KIHUEN, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. HECK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Remembering the 20th anniversary of Matthew Shepard's death and expressing Congress's continued support for the prevention of hate crimes and the advancement of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Americans.

Whereas, on October 7, 1998, Matthew Shepard was targeted and brutally attacked due to his sexual orientation, and he ultimately passed away on October 12, 1998;

Whereas during the past 20 years, American society has made substantial progress to recognize the dignity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Americans and create a more inclusive and equal Nation;

Whereas despite this progress, many Americans of minority sexual orientations and gender identities still face regular harassment, as well as discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, health care, and other services;

Whereas LGBTQ youth more frequently face harassment, threats, and violence, increasing risk to their mental and behavioral health;

Whereas LGBTQ people still face higher risk of victimization and violent crimes; and

Whereas transgender people, particularly transgender women of color, face a substantial risk of assault, sexual violence, murder, and other violent crimes compared to their cisgender, straight peers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) finds that no person should face violence or
2 discrimination because of their actual or perceived
3 sexual orientation or gender identity;

4 (2) encourages Federal, State, and local govern-
5 ment leaders and agencies to develop policies that
6 prevent hate crimes, seek justice for victims of hate
7 crimes, and create schools, workplaces, and commu-
8 nities that welcome people of diverse sexual orienta-
9 tions and gender identities;

10 (3) honors the contributions of Judy Shepard,
11 Dennis Shepard, the Matthew Shepard Foundation,
12 and the many other nonprofit organizations and les-
13 bian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer
14 (LGBTQ) and allied community leaders who are
15 working to advance tolerance, acceptance, equality,
16 safety, and respect for LGBTQ Americans;

17 (4) reaffirms its support for LGBTQ-inclusive
18 hate crime prevention laws, including the Federal
19 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate
20 Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 (18 U.S.C. 249),
21 which support Americans' safety and civil rights;
22 and

23 (5) recognizes the Federal Government must
24 play a leading role in our Nation's prevention, inves-

- 1 tigation, and data collection and reporting on hate
- 2 crimes.

