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# H. RES. 837

Reaffirming the need for transatlantic cooperation to combat anti-Semitism  
in Europe.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mr. SIRES)  
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee  
on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the need for transatlantic cooperation to combat  
anti-Semitism in Europe.

Whereas anti-Semitism in Europe is widespread and increasing according to many studies, including those conducted by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the Pew Research Center, and media outlets;

Whereas 89 percent of Jews living in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom feel anti-Semitism has increased over the past decade;

Whereas 85 percent of European Jews consider anti-Semitism to be the biggest social or political problem in their country;

Whereas 28 percent of European Jews experienced anti-Semitic harassment at least once during the last year;

Whereas 34 percent of European Jews avoid visiting Jewish events or sites because they do not feel safe;

Whereas 79 percent of European Jews have said they do not report anti-Semitic incidents, with 48 percent giving the reason that “nothing would have changed had they done so”;

Whereas Congress passed the Combating European Anti-Semitism Act in 2018 to require increased Department of State reporting on the scope and severity of anti-Semitism in Europe;

Whereas many European governments and the European Union have adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism;

Whereas 38 percent of European Jews have considered emigrating because they did not feel safe as Jews in Europe;

Whereas one-third of 7,000 Europeans surveyed said they knew just a little or nothing at all about the Holocaust; and

Whereas the global rise in anti-Semitism should be cause for serious concern on both sides of the Atlantic: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2                (1) reaffirms the strong transatlantic alliance

3                between the United States and Europe and our long

4                history of addressing shared challenges;

1           (2) recognizes the need for the United States  
2           and Europe to work together to combat anti-Semi-  
3           tism;

4           (3) calls on all European governments to take  
5           all necessary measures to ensure the safety and se-  
6           curity of Jewish communities;

7           (4) recognizes the European Commission and  
8           the Organization for Security and Cooperation in  
9           Europe have taken action to increase education and  
10          inclusion and to criminalize anti-Semitic crimes and  
11          Holocaust denial;

12          (5) encourages European leaders to provide ro-  
13          bust political leadership to reassure Jewish commu-  
14          nities and to speak out against manifestations of  
15          anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance across  
16          the political spectrum;

17          (6) encourages European governments to en-  
18          sure that school curricula include education about  
19          the Holocaust, modern-day anti-Semitism, and inclu-  
20          sive antibias training, and to mandate hate crime  
21          prevention and response training into law enforce-  
22          ment education; and

23          (7) calls for increased cooperation and partner-  
24          ship to address the scourge of anti-Semitism.

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