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Condemning the horrific anti-Semitic attack on the Chabad of Poway
Synagogue near San Diego, California, on April 27, 2019.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HARRIS (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Condemning the horrific anti-Semitic attack on the Chabad
of Poway Synagogue near San Diego, California, on April
27, 2019.

Whereas, on April 27, 2019, a 19-year-old armed with an as-
sault rifle attacked the Chabad of Poway Synagogue near
San Diego, California, while congregants were celebrating
the last day of the Passover holiday;

Whereas the gunman wounded Almog Peretz, Noya Dahan,
and Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein;

Whereas Lori Gilbert Kaye, a founding member of the con-
gregation, was killed while bravely saving the life of
Rabbi Goldstein;

Whereas, in describing the attack, Rabbi Goldstein said—

(1) “. . . Lori took the bullet for all of us. She died to protect all of us”; and

(2) “This is Lori. This is her legacy, and her legacy will continue. It could have been so much worse.”;

Whereas Oscar Stewart, a veteran of the Army, and Jonathan Morales, a border patrol agent, bravely fought back, running toward the perpetrator of the attack;

Whereas law enforcement and first responders, including the San Diego Sheriff’s Department, acted quickly and professionally to respond to the attack and care for the victims;

Whereas the perpetrator of the attack, who expressed White supremacist and White nationalist sentiments, entered the synagogue shouting anti-Semitic slurs;

Whereas the attack occurred 6 months to the day after the attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which killed 11 innocent people and injured 6 others, including 4 law enforcement officers;

Whereas anti-Semitism is an age-old form of prejudice, discrimination, persecution, and marginalization of Jewish people that runs counter to the values of the United States;

Whereas, according to an annual audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League, in 2018—

(1) anti-Semitic incidents remained at near-historic levels in the United States; and

(2) the number of anti-Semitic incidents with known connections to extremists or inspired by extremist ideology reached the highest levels since 2004;

Whereas, in a manifesto attributed to the perpetrator of the attack, the perpetrator of the attack claimed responsi-

bility for the burning of a mosque in Escondido, California, and demonstrated anti-Muslim bias;

Whereas growing White supremacy and White nationalism is—

(1) a threat to the security of the United States; and

(2) antithetical to the American values of dignity and respect of all people, including Jewish, Muslim, Black, Latino, Asian American, immigrant, and LGBTQ peoples; and

Whereas hate has no place in the United States and there is a duty to condemn all forms of hatred: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns the horrific anti-Semitic attack
3 on the Chabad of Poway Synagogue near San Diego,
4 California, on April 27, 2019, which killed 1 indi-
5 vidual and injured 3 others;

6 (2) honors the memory of Lori Gilbert Kaye,
7 who was killed in the attack;

8 (3) expresses hope for a full and speedy recov-
9 ery for the individuals injured in the attack;

10 (4) offers heartfelt condolences to—

11 (A) the Chabad of Poway congregation;

12 (B) the San Diego area Jewish community;

13 and

14 (C) the friends and family of those individ-
15 uals affected by the tragedy;

1 (5) recognizes the dedicated service of the law
2 enforcement emergency response officials and med-
3 ical professionals who responded to the attack and
4 cared for the victims; and

5 (6) reaffirms the commitment of the United
6 States to condemn—

- 7 (A) anti-Semitism;
- 8 (B) White supremacy;
- 9 (C) White nationalism; and
- 10 (D) all forms of hatred.

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