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Condemning the anti-Semitic attack on the building housing three congregations, Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Light, honoring the memory of the victims of the attack, and offering condolences to and expressing support for their families, friends, and community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. ROSKAM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Condemning the anti-Semitic attack on the building housing three congregations, Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Light, honoring the memory of the victims of the attack, and offering condolences to and expressing support for their families, friends, and community.

Whereas, on October 27, 2018, an anti-Semitic attack took place at the Tree of Life synagogue building in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where members of the Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Light Jewish congregations were engaged in morning Shabbat services, killing 11 and wounding six innocent people;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the lives of Joyce Feinberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, and Irving Younger;

Whereas the people of the United States hope for the speedy recovery of those who were injured;

Whereas the people of the United States are grateful for the swift action of law enforcement, emergency response teams, and medical professionals who responded to the attack;

Whereas the attack is believed to be the deadliest assault on Jewish people in American history;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation finds the majority of religious hate crimes are motivated by anti-Jewish bias; and

Whereas anti-Semitism has been increasing for years, including a reported 57 percent rise in anti-Semitic incidents from 2016 to 2017, the largest single-year increase in anti-Jewish hate since such data was collected: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the horrific, anti-Semitic attack
3 on the Tree of Life synagogue building in Pitts-
4 burgh, Pennsylvania, on October 27, 2018, in which
5 11 innocent people were killed and six were injured;

6 (2) condemns rising anti-Semitism in the
7 United States and around the world;

1 (3) honors the memory of Joyce Feinberg,
2 Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabino-
3 witz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice
4 Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax,
5 and Irving Younger, who were killed in the attack;

6 (4) expresses hope for a full and speedy recov-
7 ery by and pledges continued support for those in-
8 jured in the attack;

9 (5) offers heartfelt condolences and deepest
10 sympathies to the Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and
11 New Light Jewish congregations, as well as the fam-
12 ilies, friends, loved ones, and communities affected
13 by the tragedy;

14 (6) applauds the dedication and bravery of law
15 enforcement for their efforts to respond to the at-
16 tack, as well as the service of first responders and
17 medical professionals throughout the Pittsburgh
18 community;

19 (7) stands with the Jewish community in Pitts-
20 burgh, the United States, and across the world;

21 (8) reaffirms the commitment of the United
22 States and its allies to defeat anti-Semitism in all its
23 forms throughout the world; and

1 (9) supports the right of Americans to freely
2 exercise their religious beliefs and rejects all forms
3 of terror and hate.

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