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H. RES. 837

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

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

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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