

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. RES.** \_\_\_\_\_

Condemning bigotry, violence, and discrimination against Iranian-Americans.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEEHAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION**

Condemning bigotry, violence, and discrimination against  
Iranian-Americans.

Whereas Iranian-Americans serve as government officials, in  
the military and law enforcement, working to uphold the  
constitution of the United States and to protect all Amer-  
icans;

Whereas Iranian-Americans are vibrant, peaceful, and law-  
abiding citizens of the Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim,  
and Zoroastrian faiths, or are nonreligious;

Whereas Iranian-Americans have greatly contributed to the  
social and economic fabric of American society;

Whereas the United States condemns acts of bigotry, vio-  
lence, and discrimination;

Whereas the House of Representatives is seriously concerned  
regarding the findings of discriminatory enforcement of

the immigration laws, leading to arbitrary detentions, denials of access to counsel, and deportations of nationals of Middle Eastern origin, including nationals of Iranian origin, as reported in the report of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice following September 11, 2001; and

Whereas the House of Representatives is concerned about the alarming number of reports of incidents of discrimination and bias-motivated crime against Americans of Middle Eastern descent, including Iranian-Americans, all across the Nation in the wake of the tragic events that unfolded on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) declares that government leaders and law  
3       enforcement personnel should ensure that the civil  
4       rights and civil liberties of all Americans, including  
5       Iranian-Americans, are fully protected;

6               (2) condemns bigotry and any acts of violence  
7       or discrimination against any American, including  
8       Iranian-Americans;

9               (3) encourages Iranian-Americans to share with  
10      local, State, and Federal elected officials as well as  
11      others in their community incidences of discrimina-  
12      tion, in an effort to end stereotypes, correct mis-  
13      conceptions, and convey instances of abuse against  
14      the Iranian-American community; and

15              (4) calls upon local, State, and Federal law en-  
16      forcement authorities to vigorously investigate and

1        prosecute crimes committed against all Americans,  
2        including Iranian-Americans, that are based on ac-  
3        tual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin,  
4        or ethnicity.