

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution rejecting and condemning white
3 nationalism and white supremacy as hateful expressions
4 of intolerance that are contradictory to the values
5 that define the people of Florida and the United
6 States.

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8 WHEREAS, a 2006 Federal Bureau of Intelligence (FBI)
9 assessment defined a white supremacist as follows: "White
10 supremacists believe that the white race is superior to all
11 other races and was created to rule them. They view non-whites
12 as subhuman and usually refer to them in derogatory terms," and

13 WHEREAS, the same 2006 FBI intelligence assessment defined
14 a white nationalist as follows: "To be a white nationalist is to
15 be pro-white. The domestic white nationalist movement seeks to
16 promote, honor, and defend the white race. They believe the
17 white race is under attack from Jewish interests that dominate
18 the government (referred to as the Zionist Occupied Government,
19 or ZOG), the media, banking, and entertainment industries and
20 act to the detriment of the white race. White nationalists view
21 multiculturalism, diversity, and illegal immigration as direct
22 assaults on the white race and race-mixing as akin to white
23 genocide. They hope to appeal to mainstream whites, believing
24 that the majority of white people do not understand the imminent
25 or long-term threat to their race. Many contend that a race war,

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26 | often referred to as RAHOWA, or Racial Holy War, is a
27 | certainty," and

28 | WHEREAS, white supremacy and white nationalism are contrary
29 | to the ideals of the United States, which was established
30 | according to the principle stated in the Declaration of
31 | Independence that all men are created equal, a principle that
32 | was updated in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York, to include all
33 | people, and

34 | WHEREAS, white supremacy and white nationalism are contrary
35 | to the ideals of the State of Florida as expressed in the State
36 | Constitution, which declares that "all natural persons, female
37 | and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable
38 | rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and
39 | liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and
40 | to acquire, possess and protect property. No person shall be
41 | deprived of any right because of race, religion, national
42 | origin, or physical disability," and

43 | WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, in an 1858 speech, said of the
44 | founders of our nation, "Wise statesmen as they were, they knew
45 | the tendency of prosperity to breed tyrants, and so they
46 | established these great self-evident truths, that when in the
47 | distant future some man, some faction, some interest, should set
48 | up the doctrine that none but rich men, or none but white men,
49 | were entitled to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, their
50 | posterity might look up again to the Declaration of Independence

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51 and take courage to renew the battle which their fathers began—
52 so that truth, and justice, and mercy, and all the humane and
53 Christian virtues might not be extinguished from the land; so
54 that no man would hereafter dare to limit and circumscribe the
55 great principles on which the temple of liberty was being
56 built," and

57 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while recognizing
58 that "no other nation can mean to us what our nation means,"
59 condemned "nationalism perverted into chauvinism and
60 isolationism" as "preached by...the advocates of white
61 supremacy" and asked, "Will we continue to serve the false god
62 of racial prejudice or will we serve the God who made of one
63 blood all men to dwell upon the face of the earth?", and

64 WHEREAS, President Reagan observed in a 1988 speech,
65 "Anyone, from any corner of the Earth, can come to live in
66 America and become an American...This, I believe, is one of the
67 most important sources of America's greatness. We lead the world
68 because, unique among nations, we draw our people—our strength—
69 from every country and every corner of the world. And by doing
70 so we continuously renew and enrich our nation. While other
71 countries cling to the stale past, here in America we breathe
72 life into dreams. We create the future, and the world follows us
73 into tomorrow. Thanks to each wave of new arrivals to this land
74 of opportunity, we're a nation forever young, forever bursting
75 with energy and new ideas, and always on the cutting edge,

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76 | always leading the world to the next frontier. This quality is
77 | vital to our future as a nation. If we ever closed the door to
78 | new Americans, our leadership in the world would soon be lost,"
79 | and

80 | WHEREAS, according to FBI statistics, hate crimes
81 | nationwide increased in 2015, 2016, and 2017, the three most
82 | recent years for which data is available, and

83 | WHEREAS, the perpetrator of the shooting that killed 9
84 | African-American worshippers at Emanuel African Methodist
85 | Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 17,
86 | 2015, was motivated by white supremacy and white nationalism to
87 | carry out this act of terrorism, and stated that he would "be
88 | rescued by white nationalists after they took over the
89 | government," and

90 | WHEREAS, the perpetrator of the shooting that killed 11
91 | Jewish worshippers at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh,
92 | Pennsylvania, on October 27, 2018, accused Jewish people of
93 | "waging a propaganda war against Western civilization" and
94 | "committing genocide" against whites by promoting immigration
95 | and refugee resettlement, and accused the President of being "a
96 | globalist, not a nationalist" because of the "infestation" of
97 | Jews," and

98 | WHEREAS, the suspected perpetrator of the shooting that
99 | killed at least 22 people in El Paso, Texas, on August 3, 2019,
100 | is believed to have published a document espousing white

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101 | nationalist views and expressing racist hatred towards
102 | immigrants and Hispanics minutes before the shooting began, NOW,
103 | THEREFORE,

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105 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
106 | Florida:

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108 | That white nationalism and white supremacy are rejected and
109 | condemned as hateful expressions of intolerance that are
110 | contradictory to the values that define the people of Florida
111 | and the United States.