

103^D CONGRESS
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S. RES. 255

To express the sense of the Senate condemning the tactic of soliciting support for the use of violence against abortion providers and activists.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 25 (legislative day AUGUST 18), 1994

Mr. REID submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the public debate concerning abortion elicits strong emotions on all sides of the issue;

Whereas maintaining an ongoing, rational debate is the best way to ensure that the emotional issue of abortion is resolved in a manner that is satisfactory to all parties genuinely interested in resolving this issue;

Whereas the best way to ensure continued debate over abortion is to encourage all participants in the debate to engage in peaceful dialogue and compromise;

Whereas, without an ongoing dialogue about abortion, potential participants in the debate will become isolated and marginalized;

Whereas extremist individuals and groups concerned with abortion have refused to engage in public dialogue and substantive debate about the issue, choosing instead to target and terrorize the individuals and groups that disagree with their position;

Whereas these extremist individuals and groups have actively engaged in tactics that sow the seeds of hatred, including soliciting written support in the form of letters and petitions to carry out murderous acts of violence;

Whereas such tactics ignite and fuel the underlying anger often associated with the public debate concerning abortion;

Whereas such tactics are shameful, abhorrent and divisive; and

Whereas the continued use of such tactics only serves to spawn further acts of senseless violence against innocent human beings and in no way advances the cause of the individuals and groups interested in resolving the abortion issue: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
2 tactics of extremist individuals and groups which are de-
3 signed to sow the seeds of hatred, including soliciting, pro-
4 moting, encouraging, or carrying out murderous acts of
5 violence against abortion providers and activists, is con-
6 demned.

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