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Condemning bigotry and violence against Arab Americans, Muslim Americans,
South-Asian Americans, and Sikh Americans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2003

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 22, 2003

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning bigotry and violence against Arab Americans,
Muslim Americans, South-Asian Americans, and Sikh
Americans.

Whereas all Americans are united in supporting American
men and women who protect our Nation abroad and at
home;

Whereas thousands of Arab Americans, Muslim Americans,
Sikh Americans, and South-Asian Americans serve in the
military and in law enforcement, working to protect all
Americans;

Whereas the Arab-American, Muslim-American, Sikh-American, and South-Asian-American communities are vibrant, peaceful, and law-abiding, and have greatly contributed to American society;

Whereas Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and South-Asian Americans, as do all Americans, condemn acts of violence and prejudice; and

Whereas the United States Senate is concerned by the number of bias-motivated crimes against Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and South-Asian Americans, and other Americans in recent months: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) declares that the civil rights and civil liberties
3 of all Americans, including Arab Americans,
4 Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and South-
5 Asian Americans, should be protected;

6 (2) condemns bigotry and acts of violence
7 against any Americans, including Arab Americans,
8 Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and South-
9 Asian Americans;

10 (3) calls upon local, State, and Federal law en-
11 forcement authorities to work to prevent bias-moti-
12 vated crimes against all Americans, including Arab
13 Americans, Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and
14 South-Asian Americans; and

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

1 vigorously all such crimes committed against Arab
2 Americans, Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and
3 South-Asian Americans.

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