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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

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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-Amer-
ican, 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 of all Americans, including Arab Americans,
3 Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and South-
4 Asian Americans, should be protected;

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

9 (3) calls upon local, State, and Federal law enforcement authorities to work to prevent bias-motivated crimes against all Americans, including Arab
10 Americans, Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and
11 South-Asian Americans; and

12 (4) calls upon local, State, and Federal law enforcement authorities to investigate and prosecute
13 vigorously all such crimes committed against Arab
14 Americans;

- 1 Americans, Muslim Americans, Sikh Americans, and
- 2 South-Asian Americans.

