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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning all forms of political violence and rejecting rhetoric that dehumanizes or demonizes political opponents.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning all forms of political violence and rejecting rhetoric that dehumanizes or demonizes political opponents.

Whereas democracy depends upon the peaceful contest of ideas, not intimidation, violence, or assassination;

Whereas acts of political violence and threats against elected officials, candidates, and public figures undermine the safety of those who serve, the trust of the governed, and the integrity of democratic institutions;

Whereas, in September 2025, conservative activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated by gunfire during a speaking event

in Orem, Utah, in a horrifying attack authorities have described as politically motivated;

Whereas, in June 2025, multiple Minnesota legislators and their families were targeted in coordinated shootings, including the assassination of Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark Hortman, and the attempted assassinations of Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette Hoffman;

Whereas, in April 2025, arsonist Cody Balmer threw Molotov cocktails into the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence, setting fire to the building;

Whereas, in July 2024, an armed individual attempted the assassination of President Donald J. Trump at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, resulting in death and injury, followed by a second attempt in 2025 at his golf club in Florida;

Whereas, in October 2022, Paul Pelosi, husband of then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi, was brutally attacked in his home by an assailant seeking to harm the Speaker;

Whereas, on June 8, 2022, an armed individual was arrested near the Maryland home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh after traveling from California with the stated intent to assassinate him;

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, the United States Capitol was attacked by a violent mob seeking to disrupt the certification of the Presidential election, resulting in deaths, injuries, and threats to the safety of Members of Congress, staff, and law enforcement officers;

Whereas, in 2020, members of a paramilitary militia group plotted to kidnap and assassinate Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer;

Whereas such events demonstrate an escalating pattern of politically motivated violence across the country, targeting leaders and public figures across the political spectrum;

Whereas Members of Congress and other public officials have increasingly faced death threats, harassment, and intimidation aimed at silencing them or deterring them from fulfilling their representative responsibilities; and

Whereas such violence or threats, whether carried out or attempted, strike at the heart of representative democracy, impede free speech, chill civic engagement, and endanger the legitimacy and functioning of government, including the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) condemns all forms of political violence, in-  
3       cluding assassination and attempted assassination of  
4       public officials, candidates, and public figures, re-  
5       gardless of political party or ideology;

6           (2) affirms that violence and threats have no  
7       place in the political arena and that all political dis-  
8       putes must be resolved through lawful, peaceful,  
9       democratic means;

10          (3) reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the  
11       safety, dignity, and respect for all Members of Con-  
12       gress, State legislators, elected officials, and other  
13       public servants;

14          (4) urges law enforcement authorities at all lev-  
15       els to thoroughly investigate, prosecute, and hold ac-

1       countable those who commit or incite political vio-  
2       lence;

3           (5) commends law enforcement and all public  
4       officials who work to respond to such violence;

5           (6) calls on all public officials, community lead-  
6       ers, and media to reject rhetoric that dehumanizes  
7       or demonizes opponents and to foster civil discourse;  
8       and

9           (7) declares that threats or acts of violence  
10      against officials or public figures degrade the dig-  
11      nity, safety, and integrity of the House of Rep-  
12      resentatives and of democratic institutions more  
13      broadly.