

Senators Bieda, Hopgood and Conyers offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

A concurrent resolution to urge the President of the United States to order the Department of Justice to investigate the recent spate of anti-Semitic attacks that have occurred in our country.

Whereas, Since January 2017, there have been multiple anti-Semitic attacks nationwide. The attacks have involved bomb threats at Jewish community centers and schools, including an Ann Arbor-based school; desecration of headstones at several Jewish cemeteries; and vandalism of synagogues; and

Whereas, The attacks against Jewish places of worship and community centers are disturbing and unsettling. Prosecution of those responsible must be swift and punishment harsh; and

Whereas, Several prominent Jewish organizations, including the American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Community Center Association of North America, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Orthodox Union, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Jewish Federations of North America, and Union for Reform Judaism, have called upon President Donald Trump to investigate these attacks; and

Whereas, On March 7, 2017, all 100 United States Senators signed and sent a letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, and Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, asking each to instruct their agencies to investigate this rash of anti-Semitic attacks; and

Whereas, The President has not ordered the United States Department of Justice to investigate these attacks, despite opening his first address to Congress by condemning them. Any anti-Semitic acts, as with any hate crime, cannot be tolerated. A lack of action by the President is unacceptable; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge the President of the United States to order the Department of Justice to investigate the recent spate of anti-Semitic attacks that have occurred in our country; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.