

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

A M E N D M E N T S

to

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 155

(Sponsored by Senator SWEENEY)

REPLACE TITLE TO READ:

A **SENATE RESOLUTION** condemning **1[President Trump's] all¹ racist ¹and discriminatory¹ comments directed at ¹[members of Congress] elected officials in all levels of government or made, supported, or ignored by such officials as part of political discourse in America¹.**

REPLACE PREAMBLE TO READ:

WHEREAS, The Founders conceived America as a haven of refuge for people fleeing from religious and political persecution, and emphasized that the Nation gained as it attracted new people in search of freedom and livelihood for their families; and

WHEREAS, The immigration of people from all over the world **1[has] and their citizen descendants, who collectively possess an ever-growing exposure to multicultural diversity and values, have¹** defined every stage of American history and propelled our social, economic, political, scientific, cultural, artistic, and technological progress as a people; and

WHEREAS, American patriotism is defined not by **1country of origin,¹ race ¹[or] ,¹ ethnicity ¹, or religious beliefs¹** but by devotion to the Constitutional ideals of equality, liberty, inclusion, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, **1Describing the country's rich multicultural history,¹** President John F. Kennedy, whose family came to the United States from Ireland, stated in his 1958 book "A Nation of Immigrants" that, "The contribution of immigrants can be seen in every aspect of our national life. We see it in religion, in politics, in business, in the arts, in education, even in athletics and entertainment. There is no part of our nation that has not been touched by our immigrant background. Immigrants have enriched and strengthened every fabric of American life."; and

WHEREAS, America is unique among nations because it draws its people and its strength from every country and every corner of the world, and by doing so, **1through these immigrants and their citizen**

descendants of many races, ethnicities, and religious beliefs,¹
America is a continuously renewed and enriched nation; and

WHEREAS, ¹**【President Donald Trump’s】** Whenever¹ racist ¹or discriminatory¹ comments ¹**【have legitimized】** are directed at elected officials at any level of government or are made, supported, or ignored by such officials as part of political discourse in America, they legitimize¹ fear and hatred of new Americans ¹**【and】**,¹ people of ¹**【color】** different races, people of different ethnicities, and people holding different religious beliefs¹; and

WHEREAS, This House believes that immigrants and their ¹citizen¹ descendants have made America stronger, and that those ¹people¹ who ¹newly¹ take the oath of citizenship are every bit as American as those ¹people, regardless of country of origin, race, ethnicity, or religious beliefs,¹ whose families have lived in the United States for many generations; now, therefore,

REPLACE SECTION 1 TO READ:

1. This House strongly condemns ¹**【President Donald Trump’s】** all¹ racist ¹and discriminatory¹ comments ¹**【that have legitimized and increased】** directed at elected officials at any level of government or are made, supported, or ignored by such officials as part of political discourse in America, as those comments legitimize¹ fear and hatred of new Americans ¹**【and】**,¹ people of ¹**【color by saying that our fellow Americans who are immigrants, and those who may look to the President like immigrants, should “go back” to their countries, by referring to immigrants and asylum seekers as “invaders,” and by saying that members of Congress who are immigrants, or those assumed to be immigrants, do not belong in Congress or in the United States of America】** different races, people of different ethnicities, and people holding different religious beliefs, and they diminish the legitimacy of political debate over matters for which different, substantive policy positions exist¹.

REPLACE SECTION 2 TO READ:

2. Copies of this resolution as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, ¹**【and】**¹ every member of Congress elected from this State ¹, every county executive, clerk, sheriff, and surrogate of the State, every board of chosen freeholders of the State, and for purposes of informing the elected mayors, other chief executives, and municipal governing bodies in the State, to the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Conference of Mayors¹.

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Condemns all racist and discriminatory comments directed at elected officials in all levels of government or made, supported, or ignored by such officials as part of political discourse in America.

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