

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 607

Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day of Non-Violence.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, and Mrs. DINGELL)  
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee  
on Oversight and Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day  
of Non-Violence.

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly established  
the International Day of Non-Violence on June 15, 2007,  
to disseminate the message of non-violence, through  
means such as education and public awareness;

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly has stated  
that “non-violence, tolerance, full respect for all human  
rights and fundamental freedoms for all, democracy, de-  
velopment, mutual understanding and respect for diver-  
sity are interlinked and mutually reinforcing”;

Whereas the annual International Day of Non-Violence cele-  
bration date, October 2, was chosen to commemorate the  
birthday of Mohandas K. Gandhi, more commonly known  
as “Mahatma”, which means “great soul”;

Whereas Mahatma Gandhi was a world-renowned civil rights and spiritual leader, who experienced injustices early in life, and learned to embrace the principles of non-violence as a vehicle for social and political change;

Whereas Mahatma Gandhi was influenced by religious teachings in Hinduism, Jainism, and Christianity in the development of his philosophy;

Whereas Mahatma Gandhi was a major influence for Martin Luther King, Jr., whose emphasis on non-violence is credited with ushering in our Nation's civil rights; and

Whereas people around the world commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence by participating in volunteer projects as a way to give back to their communities: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2                (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Inter-  
3        national Day of Non-Violence; and

4                (2) encourages the people of the United States  
5        to observe the International Day of Non-Violence  
6        with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activi-  
7        ties.

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