

115TH CONGRESS  
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# S. J. RES. 44

Condemning the deadly attack on May 26, 2017, in Portland, Oregon, expressing deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims, and supporting efforts to overcome hatred, bigotry, and violence.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2017

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

Condemning the deadly attack on May 26, 2017, in Portland, Oregon, expressing deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims, and supporting efforts to overcome hatred, bigotry, and violence.

Whereas, on May 26, 2017, 2 brave community members—Rick Best and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche—were stabbed as they protected 2 young women who were the targets of threatening anti-Muslim hate speech while riding on the Metropolitan Area Express Light Rail (commonly known as the “MAX”) in Portland, Oregon;

Whereas Rick Best and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche lost their lives as a result of the attack;

Whereas acts of heroism and sacrifice for the safety and sake of others in the face of terrorism were demonstrated by the deceased and surviving victims;

Whereas Oregonians and people across the United States grieve for the families of all people affected by this needless tragedy; and

Whereas the people of the United States stand in solidarity against terrorism, white supremacy, hate, and intolerance: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
 2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
 3       That Congress—

4               (1) condemns the deadly attack on May 26,  
 5               2017, in Portland, Oregon, in which 2 innocent peo-  
 6               ple were killed and 1 other person was injured while  
 7               standing up to hate and intolerance;

8               (2) offers deepest condolences to the families  
 9               and friends of Rick Best and Taliesin Myrddin  
 10              Namkai-Meche;

11              (3) supports community efforts to heal from  
 12              this terrible crime; and

13              (4) supports nationwide efforts to overcome ha-  
 14              tred, bigotry, and violence.

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