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Condemning the March 15, 2019, terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand, offering sincere condolences to all of the victims and their families, and expressing and standing in solidarity with the people and the Government of New Zealand.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2019

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MARCH 28, 2019

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning the March 15, 2019, terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand, offering sincere condolences to all of the victims and their families, and expressing and standing in solidarity with the people and the Government of New Zealand.

Whereas, on March 15, 2019, an armed White supremacist murdered 50 Muslims and injured dozens more at the Al Noor and Linwood mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand;

Whereas Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has said that “[i]t is clear that this can now only be described as a terrorist attack,” noting that many of the victims could be migrants or refugees, and pronouncing it “one of New Zealand’s darkest days”;

Whereas the people of New Zealand are grieving following the terrorist attacks, which targeted and killed innocent men, women, and children;

Whereas the people of the United States and New Zealand stood shoulder-to-shoulder and shared spilled blood in the struggles of the 20th century to combat fascism, racism, and other extremist ideologies;

Whereas New Zealand is among the closest allies of the United States;

Whereas New Zealand is a diverse nation with a proud tradition of immigration with more than 200 ethnicities and 160 languages, and the strength and vibrancy of New Zealand are enhanced by the diverse religious beliefs and tolerance of its citizens, including followers of all major religions, including Islam, Christianity, and Judaism;

Whereas the suspect in the Christchurch killings is a self-described immigrant-hating White supremacist who used a helmet-mounted camera to broadcast live video of the slaughter in an apparent effort to instigate further White supremacist, anti-Muslim, and anti-immigrant violence;

Whereas, over the past several years, there has been a disturbing increase in White supremacist violence around the globe, with dozens of people of faith murdered, including in their places of worship;

Whereas the scourge of White nationalism around the world must be condemned unequivocally; and

Whereas the reprehensible attacks at the Al Noor and Linwood mosques have no place in a peaceful, civilized, tolerant world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns the horrific terrorist attacks on
3 the Al Noor and Linwood mosques in Christchurch,
4 New Zealand;

5 (2) expresses its deepest condolences to the vic-
6 tims of those attacks and their families;

7 (3) expresses solidarity with the people of New
8 Zealand, including the Islamic community of New
9 Zealand;

10 (4) recognizes the threat posed by White su-
11 premacist terrorism and recommits United States
12 leadership in building more inclusive, diverse, and
13 tolerant societies; and

14 (5) calls upon the United States Government to
15 redouble its efforts, using all available and appro-
16 priate tools, to combat the spread of White suprema-
17 cist terrorism.

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