

IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2020

Mr. PENGUIN (for himself, Mr. ETHAN, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. AARON) introduced the following resolution;

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of May as "Jewish American Heritage Month", a month in recognition of the continued contributions Jews have made to the United States of America through their involvement in our government, health systems, legal systems, and more.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

Whereas the United States is a stronger country whilst all religions are able to celebrate their heritage and actively participate in politics;

Whereas there have been 210 total Jewish members in the Congress of the United States—

- (1) There have been a total of 36 Jewish members in the Senate; and
- (2) There have been a total of 174 Jewish members in the House of Representatives;

Whereas there have been 44 total Jewish members in the cabinet of the United States—

- (1) There have been a total of 32 Jewish secretaries; and
- (2) There have been a total of 12 Jewish members in cabinet-level positions;

Whereas the Jewish people have fought for their rights to an independent state, and the United States was one of the main supporters of that agreement;

Whereas anti-semitism is condemmed as hate speech and should continue to be condemmed in the United States to help Jewish Americans thrive; and

Whereas the Jewish population is continually attacked by anti-semites, and has luckily survived these attacks, the most prominent of which being the holocaust. Jews deserve to have a peaceful life all around the world, and we can start that in this country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives and Senate—

- (1) recognize "Jewish American Heritage Month" in honor of the continued contributions Jews and their families have made to the United States throughout its history;
 - (2) pledges to celebrate Jewish contributions to, and Jewish heritages in, each district;
 - (3) condemns all forms of anti-semitism in the United States;
- (4) encourages the people of the United States to understand the struggles of Jewish people in our nation and to recognize their great contributions; and
- (5) commits to work with both houses of congress to add further legislation condemning anti-semitism and hate speech.

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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

(1) This resolution was inspired by <u>H.Conc.Res.315</u>.