

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

LEGISLATION: Expresses support for the Emmett Till Antilynching Act and for legislation which bans hate crimes

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express support for the Emmett Till Antilynching Act and for legislation which bans hate
3 crimes.

4 WHEREAS, on March 29, 2022, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act was signed into
5 law; and

6 WHEREAS, the legislation makes lynching a federal hate crime; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana's hate crime statute is R.S. 14:107.2, which defines hate
8 crimes as certain enumerated criminal offenses in which the victim is selected because of
9 that person's actual or perceived race, age, gender, color, religion, ancestry, national origin,
10 disability, creed, sexual orientation, organizational affiliation, or actual or perceived
11 employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services
12 personnel; and

13 WHEREAS, on May 14, 2022, a mass shooting occurred at a supermarket in Buffalo,
14 New York; and

15 WHEREAS, the attack is being investigated as a racially motivated hate crime; and

16 WHEREAS, hate crimes merit a priority response because of their impact on the
17 victim and the victim's community; and

18 WHEREAS, failure to address hate crimes causes an isolated incident to explode into
19 widespread community tension.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express support for the Emmett Till Antilynching Act
3 and for legislation which bans hate crimes.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representative does hereby honor
5 the victims of the mass shooting that occurred on May 14, 2022, in Buffalo, New York.

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