

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.180

Reps. Anthony, Sowerby, Love, Sabo, Koleszar, Stone and Jones offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge Congress to enact legislation to classify  
2 domestic terrorism as a federal crime to provide the Federal Bureau  
3 of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security with more  
4 tools to combat these types of crimes.

5 Whereas, According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
6 (FBI), domestic terrorism is a persistent threat perpetrated by  
7 individuals or groups advocating extremist ideologies of political,  
8 religious, social, racial, or environmental nature. The FBI has 850  
9 open domestic terrorism investigations involving anti-government,  
10 anti-authority, or racially motivated violent extremism. These open  
11 cases and recent events in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio  
12 demonstrate the need for such legislation; and



1       Whereas, Federal law provides serious penalties for those  
2 convicted of acts of international terrorism. Additionally,  
3 individuals with plans to back an international terrorism group can  
4 be charged with providing criminal support under federal law; and

5       Whereas, Federal law defines domestic terrorism as "activities  
6 that involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of  
7 the criminal laws of the United States..." and among other things,  
8 are "intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population...".

9 However, there is no federal law prohibiting acts of domestic  
10 terrorism nor are there penalties associated with these acts. There  
11 is no federal charge for people providing material support to  
12 domestic terror organizations. Americans charged with stockpiling  
13 weapons and plotting mass attacks often face lesser firearms  
14 offenses; and

15       Whereas, Law enforcement has additional tools under terrorism  
16 charges to widen the scope of investigations, potentially  
17 implicating additional suspects and providing greater penalties for  
18 those who perform such atrocities. Enacting a federal domestic  
19 terrorism law will funnel additional resources to the FBI allowing  
20 it to gather data and track situations involving domestic  
21 extremism; now, therefore, be it

22       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge  
23 Congress to enact legislation to classify domestic terrorism as a  
24 federal crime to provide the Federal Bureau of Investigation and  
25 the Department of Homeland Security with more tools to combat these  
26 types of crimes; and be it further

27       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
28 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
29 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan



1 congressional delegation.