

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Rep. Anthony 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
9 about 850 open domestic terrorism investigations involving anti-
10 government, anti-authority, or racially motivated violent
11 extremism. These open cases and the January 6, 2021 attempt to
12 overturn the results of a free and fair election in Washington,
13 D.C. 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.