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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE TRAGIC LOSS OF FIFTY LIVES AT  
MOSQUES IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND ON FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2019**

Introduced By: Representatives Kislak, Corvese, Cassar, Cortvriend, and Ranglin-  
Vassell

Date Introduced: March 20, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House of Representatives has learned of the  
2 passing of Naeem Rashid and his son Talha Naeem, Ramiz Arifbhai Vora, and his father Asif  
3 Vora, Khaled Alhaj Mustafa, and his eldest son Hamza Mustafa, Zeeshan Raza and his parents,  
4 Ghulam Hussain and Karam Bibi, Abdul Fattah Qasem al-Daqqah, Abdullahi Dirie, Abdus  
5 Samad, Ahmed Jamal al-Din Abdul Ghani, Ali Eisa Houry, Ali El-Madani, Amjad Hamid, Ansi  
6 Alibava, Areeb Ahmed, Ashraf al Morsi, Ashraf Masri, Atta Elayyan, Daoud Nabi, Farhaj Ahsan,  
7 Hafiz Musa Patel, Haroon Mahmood, Hosna Ara Parvin, Hussain Al-Umari, Junaid Ismail,  
8 Junaid Mortara, Kamel Darwish, Lilik Abdul Hamid, Linda Armstrong, Maheboob Haroon,  
9 Matiullah Safi, Mohsen Al-Harbi, Mojammel Hoq, Mounir Sulaiman, Mucad Ibrahim, Osama  
10 Adnan Abu Kowik, Ozair Kadir, Sayyad Milne, Sohail Shahid, Syed Areeb Ahmed, Syed  
11 Jahandad Ali, Husna Ahmed, Abdulkadir Elmi, Hussein Moustafa, Muse Nur Aale, Zakaria  
12 Bhutan, Taria Omar and Ashraf Ali; and

13           WHEREAS, In a shocking, brutal assault, a gunman walked into two Christchurch  
14 mosques during prayers, and brutally killed fifty innocent people and injured many more on  
15 Friday, March 15, 2019; and

16           WHEREAS, Those killed were new fathers, loving mothers, adored sisters and brothers,  
17 cherished aunts and uncles, best friends, teachers, engineers, and admired colleagues. They were  
18 from many countries and varied walks of life. What they shared in common was their faith and  
19 their innocence; and

1           WHEREAS, Houses of worship should always be places of peace, refuge, and reflection,  
2 and never places of fear and hatred; and

3           WHEREAS, The terror and tragedy of a hate-filled mass murder has also been visited on  
4 our nation and many others including the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on  
5 October 27, 2018, and in Charleston at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17,  
6 2015; and

7           WHEREAS, These fifty men, women and children, the youngest of whom was only  
8 three, enriched the lives of all who knew them and they will be dearly missed. The memory of  
9 their lives will live on in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have known them; now,  
10 therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
12 Providence Plantations hereby expresses profound sympathy on the tragic loss of fifty innocent  
13 lives at the mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That this House hereby extends our support to the Muslim community of  
15 Rhode Island and stands together against Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism and hatred around  
16 the world, and looks to build community and strength with each other throughout Rhode Island  
17 and across the globe; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Amjad Kinjawi, President of the Rhode Island  
20 Council for Muslim Advancement, and Mufti Ikam al Haqq, the Imam of Masjid al Islam.

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