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116TH CONGRESS
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Strongly condemning the recent acts of violence, riots, and looting in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GUEST submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas in the wake of the tragic death of George Floyd on Monday, May 25, 2020, peaceful protests began across the United States focused on justice for African-American victims of police misconduct;

Whereas these peaceful protests are protected by the Constitution of the United States through an individual's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, and petitioning the Government concerning grievances;

Whereas what began as peaceful demonstrations, have been exploited by violent extremists who have carried out acts

of violence, looting, destruction of business and personal property, and additional loss of life, including the deliberate targeting of law enforcement officers;

Whereas due to the actions of violent extremists, certain government functions have been temporarily closed, businesses have been forced to be shuttered, and livelihoods have been impacted;

Whereas these acts of violence are considered criminal activity; and

Whereas these actions take our focus as a country away from a safe and civil dialogue on issues of importance to our Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly condemns the violence, riots, and
3 looting in the United States;

4 (2) recognizes that violent opportunists use the
5 cover of legitimate protests by their fellow citizens to
6 sow chaos;

7 (3) recognizes that the actions of those bent on
8 violence does not diminish the rights of other Americans
9 to peacefully protest;

10 (4) urges peace and order to be restored; and

11 (5) expresses that those responsible for these
12 violent acts be held criminally responsible for their
13 actions.