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Introduced by
Senator Rogers

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ACTIONS OF ANTIFA AND URGING ANTIFA-RELATED GROUPS
TO BE DESIGNATED AS DOMESTIC TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

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1 Whereas, members of Antifa, who believe that free speech is
2 equivalent to violence, have used threats of violence to suppress opposing
3 political ideologies; and

4 Whereas, members of Antifa physically assaulted journalists and
5 other individuals during protests and riots in Berkeley, California; and

6 Whereas, in 2018, journalist Andy Ngo was intimidated and threatened
7 with violence and in 2019 he was physically attacked by protestors
8 affiliated with Antifa; and

9 Whereas, employees of the United States Immigration and Customs
10 Enforcement (ICE) have been subjected to doxing and violent threats after
11 their social media profiles, phone numbers and home addresses were posted
12 on the internet by left-wing activists; and

13 Whereas, according to the Wall Street Journal, an ICE officer was
14 followed by left-wing activists and "confronted when he went to pick up
15 his daughter from summer camp," and another "had his name and photo
16 plastered on flyers outside his home accusing him of being part of the
17 'Gestapo'"; and

18 Whereas, the ICE office in southwest Portland, Oregon was shut down
19 for days due to threats and occupation by Antifa members; and

20 Whereas, Rose City Antifa, a group founded in 2007, explicitly
21 renounces the authority of law enforcement officers to protect free speech
22 and stop acts of violence. Rose City Antifa rejects the civil treatment of
23 individuals the group labels as fascists, stating "we can't just argue
24 against them; we have to prevent them from organizing by any means
25 necessary"; and

26 Whereas, there is no place for violence in the discourse between
27 people in the United States, or in any civil society, because this nation
28 values diverse ideas and opinions.

29 Therefore

30 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
31 Representatives concurring:

32 1. That the Members of the Legislature urge the following groups
33 and organizations in the United States to be designated as domestic
34 terrorist organizations:

35 (a) Those that act under the banner of Antifa.

36 (b) Those that affiliate with Antifa.

37 (c) Offshoots of Antifa formed by the same people under different
38 names.

39 2. That the Members of the Legislature condemn the violent actions
40 of Antifa groups as unacceptable.

41 3. That the Members of the Legislature support groups and
42 organizations in the United States that voice opinions without using
43 violence or threatening the health, safety or well-being of any person,
44 group or law enforcement officer.

1 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
2 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate,
3 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member
4 of Congress from the State of Arizona.