

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To condemn political violence in the United States.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the often volatile political division in the United States and to condemn acts of politically-motivated violence; and

WHEREAS, attempts on any candidate or elected official's life cannot be tolerated; curtailing political violence is essential for the health of the country; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, there is a history of political violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has been the target of three separate assassination attempts; he was grazed by a bullet during a July 2024 rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and faced a second attempt on his life in Florida later that year; the third attempt came during the 2026 White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota House of Representatives Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were the victims of a targeted political assassination at their home in June 2025; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk, an American right-wing political activist, was assassinated during a Turning Point USA event on the campus of Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, in September, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is familiar with acts of political violence; U.S. Senator and former Louisiana Governor Huey P. Long was assassinated in the halls of the state capitol on September 8, 1935; a bomb exploded in the Louisiana Senate Chamber in the 1970s; U.S. House majority leader Steve Scalise was shot and wounded during the annual Congressional Baseball Game in 2017; and

WHEREAS, political violence subverts the will of democracy and creates greater division within the state and country, and it is vitally important that American citizens stand against such acts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby condemn political violence in the United States and does hereby encourage Americans to embrace discourse in the spirit of democracy as a necessary alternative to acts of violence against elected officials and other political figures.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES