

## Congressman Brady Co-Sponsors Slavery Apology Legislation

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PHILADELPHIA ---- Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., Pa.) is an original co-sponsor of legislation, H. RES. 194, which apologizes to African Americans on behalf of the American people for slavery and Jim Crow segregation.

The resolution, introduced by Congressman Steve Cohen (D., Tenn.), outlines the long history of racism and the brutal treatment of African-Americans that was engendered by the system of slavery and prolonged by Jim Crow. It further acknowledges the continuing legacy of these wrongs long after they were officially abolished.

Congressman Brady said that he understands that an apology alone may not be enough and previous efforts by Congress to issue an official apology for these wrongs have not happened. But, he said, "This is long overdue. And, it is an important first step towards racial healing and reconciliation for all Americans."

Last month Virginia state legislators unanimously passed a resolution that expressed "profound regret" for Virginia's role in slavery and the Jim Crow era.

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