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"We must not let violence define who we are as a people"

Statement by Senator Menéndez on recent incidents of violence

San Antonio, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez, Senator from District 26, issued the following statement after the recent incidents in Dallas, Texas.

The following quotes are attributable to Senator José Menéndez:

"This has been a tragic week, as many lives have been senselessly taken. As we pray and grieve for the families of the fallen, we must unite with fortitude to not let violence define who we are as a people. Let us resist calls to take sides that only tear us apart. We need to realize that we must remain united in a firm commitment that respects the dignity of everyone, and demand that we don't allow calculated hatred to distract us from our values of equality, peace, and understanding."

To quote Dr. Martin Luther King: "Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars... Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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State Senator José Menéndez is Vice-Chair of the Senate Hispanic Caucus and represents Senate District 26 in San Antonio, TX. He currently is a member of the Senate Committees on Higher Education, Criminal Justice, and Intergovernmental Relations.