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Remembering the lives lost and honoring the survivors 4 years after the Independence Day Parade shooting that occurred on July 4, 2022, in Highland Park, Illinois.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 2, 2026

Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SORESENSEN, and Ms. UNDERWOOD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Remembering the lives lost and honoring the survivors 4 years after the Independence Day Parade shooting that occurred on July 4, 2022, in Highland Park, Illinois.

Whereas, in Highland Park, Illinois, on July 4, 2022, thousands of joyous spectators lined the Independence Day Parade route expectantly waiting for their children and grandchildren, their friends, neighbors, and coworkers to walk by in procession;

Whereas, at 10:14 a.m. that day, just moments after the Highland Park Independence Day Parade began, the sense of community elation was shattered by a single in-

dividual who acquired a gun, climbed a ladder to a rooftop, and fired 80 bullets into the joyous crowd below;

Whereas the 7 people who were murdered that day were—

(1) Katie Goldstein, age 64, of Highland Park, Illinois, a beloved wife and mother, who was known for her kind, caring personality, and for bringing neighbors delicious baked goods during the holidays;

(2) Irina McCarthy, age 35, of Highland Park, Illinois, a wife and mother of 2-year-old Aiden, who met her husband Kevin through their mutual work in the pharmaceutical industry;

(3) Kevin McCarthy, age 37, of Highland Park, Illinois, a husband and father of 2-year-old Aiden, who died protecting his son from gunfire;

(4) Stephen Straus, age 88, of Highland Park, Illinois, a brother, husband, father, and grandfather, who was a joke-teller and avid reader and greatly enjoyed the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra;

(5) Jacquelyn Sundheim, age 63, of Highland Park, Illinois, a kind and caring wife and mother, who was a lifelong member of North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, where she also taught preschool and served as the events coordinator;

(6) Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza, age 78, of Morelos, Mexico, who was attending the parade with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

(7) Eduardo Uvaldo, age 69, of Waukegan, Illinois, who was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather;

Whereas more than 40 people were wounded by bullets and shrapnel, many grievously injured;

Whereas 2-year-old Aiden McCarthy lost both parents who sacrificed their lives while saving his;

Whereas 8-year-old Cooper Roberts suffered a severed spinal cord, impairing his ability to walk, and his mother Keely and twin brother Luke were also injured;

Whereas all who attended the parade and who live in Highland Park will be forever changed by this tragedy;

Whereas the Highland Park Police Department and the Highland Park Fire Department led dozens of agencies in responding to the shooting with bravery and professionalism, including—

(1) the Illinois State Police, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force, the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the Northwest Central Dispatch System, the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center (RED Center), the Glenview Public Safety Dispatch Center, the Highland Park Community Emergency Response Team (CERT);

(2) the police departments of Addison, Antioch, Arlington Heights, Bannockburn, Barrington, Barrington Hills, Bartlett, Berwyn, Buffalo Grove, Carpentersville, Cary, Crystal Lake, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Elmhurst, Evanston, Fox Lake, Franklin Park, Glencoe Public Safety, Glenview, Grayslake, Gurnee, Hanover Park, Harwood Heights, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Kenilworth, Kildeer, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Lake Villa, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Lincolnwood, McHenry, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect,

Mundelein, Niles, Norridge, North Chicago, North Riverside, Northbrook, Northfield, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Riverwoods, Rolling Meadows, Rosemont, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Park, Schiller Park, Skokie, Streamwood, Vernon Hills, Wauconda, Waukegan, Western Springs, Wheeling, Wilmette, Winnetka, Winthrop Harbor, and Zion; and

(3) the fire departments of Addison Fire Protection District, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe Public Safety, Glenview, Hanover Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District, Morton Grove, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Skokie, Streamwood, Waukegan, Wilmette, and Winnetka;

Whereas the emergency responders and the doctors, nurses, and other health care providers at Highland Park Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital, Evanston Hospital, Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, and University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital provided professional and dedicated care to the victims;

Whereas, in the 4 years since, dozens of volunteer counselors traveled to North Shore School District 112 and Township High School District 113 to assist the community in the process of healing and met with several thousand community members in need of counseling;

Whereas a significant step towards justice has been served with the person responsible for this horrific crime sentenced to life in prison with no possibility for parole;

Whereas the people of Highland Park and across the United States still mourn the 7 lives tragically cut short and

continue to pray for all the people, their family and friends irreparably changed by this tragedy;

Whereas the people of Highland Park and of the United States mourn for all whose lives were stolen, and pray for all who have been irreversibly affected by gun violence in our country—whether by mass shootings, violence in our streets, domestic violence, suicide, or accidental shooting;

Whereas Highland Park is strong, and fortunate to be supported by its neighbors and friends both near and far who have stood united with the community and will remain so as they mark this 4-year anniversary; and

Whereas, in June 2022, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) remembers the horrific Independence Day
3 Parade mass shooting that occurred in Highland
4 Park, Illinois, on July 4, 2022;

5 (2) joins with Highland Park as they will gath-
6 er to mark the 4th anniversary of the tragic day;

7 (3) honors the memory and the lives of the 7
8 innocent people who were murdered—Katie Gold-
9 stein, Irina McCarthy, Keven McCarthy, Steven
10 Straus, Jacquelyn Sundheim, Nicolas Toledo-
11 Zaragoza, and Eduardo Uvaldo;

12 (4) stands with all those who were wounded or
13 otherwise affected in the shooting, and continues to
14 pray for their recovery;

1 (5) is united with the residents of Highland
2 Park and Lake County, Illinois, as well as the fami-
3 lies, friends, and loved ones as they continue to
4 march toward recovery;

5 (6) reiterates its hope that all those injured by
6 the attack, both physically and emotionally, continue
7 to recover, and vows to support all those impacted
8 by the violence;

9 (7) commends the courageous actions of the in-
10 dividuals who placed themselves in harm's way to
11 protect others during this heinous attack;

12 (8) remains grateful for the bravery of commu-
13 nity members, leaders, law enforcement, first re-
14 sponders, health professionals, and all others who re-
15 sponded to the attack;

16 (9) expresses admiration for the resolve and
17 courage that the City of Highland Park, its elected
18 leaders, and the community as a whole have dem-
19 onstrated in the 4 years since the attack and pledges
20 its continued support for the community; and

21 (10) strives to continue to work to reduce gun
22 violence in the United States.

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