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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION declaring the first Friday in June as a state day of remembrance for children killed by gun violence and urging the establishment of a national day of remembrance.

SPONSORS: Rep. Budathoki, Hills. 40; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Seibert, Hills. 21; Rep. Selig, Straf. 10; Rep. Tellez, Hills. 40; Rep. Wade, Straf. 15; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 37

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This resolution establishes a state day of remembrance on the first Friday of June to honor children from New Hampshire who have lost their lives to gun violence, directs ceremonial observances, calls for a permanent memorial in the state house, and urges Congress to create a national day of remembrance.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

A RESOLUTION declaring the first Friday in June as a state day of remembrance for children killed by gun violence and urging the establishment of a national day of remembrance.

1 Whereas, gun violence is one of the leading causes of death for children and adolescents under
2 the age of 18 in the United States; and

3 Whereas, thousands of children have lost their lives to gun violence, leaving behind grieving
4 families and communities across our nation; and

5 Whereas, each child lost represents not only a personal tragedy for loved ones, but also an
6 immeasurable loss of hope, dreams, and potential for the future of our country; and

7 Whereas, the New Hampshire constitution, part I, article 3, declares: “When men enter into a
8 state of society, they surrender up some of their natural rights to that society, in order to ensure the
9 protection of others; and, without such an equivalent, the surrender is void”—making clear that
10 government exists to protect citizens’ fundamental rights of life, liberty, and safety; and

11 Whereas, the New Hampshire constitution, part I, article 12-a, further affirms that “The
12 protection of the rights of the people shall be the paramount duty of government”—placing a solemn
13 obligation on the state to safeguard the lives and liberties of its citizens; and

14 Whereas, the United States constitution guarantees life, liberty, due process, and equal
15 protection under the law, and through its Preamble emphasizes justice, safety, and welfare as core
16 purposes of government; and

17 Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the state of New Hampshire join with the nation to
18 remember and honor the lives of these children, and to recommit to ensuring the safety and well-
19 being of all young people; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

21 That the first Friday of June of each year shall be declared a day of remembrance for children
22 killed by gun violence in New Hampshire.

23 That on this day, the state of New Hampshire shall observe a moment of silence in honor of the
24 children whose lives have been cut short.

25 That the governor of New Hampshire is respectfully requested to direct that the flag of the
26 United States and the flag of the state of New Hampshire be flown at half-staff on the first Friday of
27 June of each year in solemn remembrance.

28 That the names of children from New Hampshire who have lost their lives to gun violence be
29 permanently recorded and respectfully displayed within the New Hampshire state house as a lasting
30 memorial.

31 And be it further Resolved:

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1 That the United States Congress is urged to declare the first Friday of June of each year as a
2 National Day of Remembrance for Children Killed by Gun Violence.

3 That on this day, the names of all children under the age of 18 who have lost their lives to gun
4 violence in the United States be recorded and inscribed in the Hall of Congress, to serve as a lasting
5 national memorial.

6 That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker
7 of the United States House of Representatives, and the Majority Leader of the United States Senate.