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H. RES. 1372

Expressing support for the designation of July 20, 2024, as “National Heroes Day” to honor the sacrifices of everyday heroes who save lives and improve their communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2024

Mr. CROW (for himself, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. NEGUSE, and Ms. DEGETTE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of July 20, 2024, as “National Heroes Day” to honor the sacrifices of everyday heroes who save lives and improve their communities.

Whereas, 12 years ago, on July 20, 2012, in Aurora, Colorado, 12 lives were taken and many more were injured, yet we saw remarkable acts of bravery in the face of unspeakable violence and everyday people risked their lives to save countless others;

Whereas, first inspired by the two servicemembers and two civilians whose lives were taken while shielding others on July 20, 2012, in an Aurora theater, we recognize July 20 as “National Heroes Day” to honor the sacrifices of

everyday heroes who save lives and improve their communities;

Whereas, on July 20, 2012, 12 lives were taken, 70 were wounded, and an entire community suffered emotional damage including one victim losing a daughter and suffering a miscarriage when a gunman opened fire at the Aurora Mall Theater;

Whereas, during this heinous act of violence, moviegoers courageously took immediate action risking their own lives to protect and save the lives of others;

Whereas the United States has experienced over 300 mass shootings so far in 2024;

Whereas the same heroic acts of bravery seen in Aurora are reflected in countless other tragedies as gun violence continues in our communities;

Whereas, on May 14, 2022, 10 lives were taken, 3 were wounded, and an entire community was affected and suffered emotional damage when a gunman opened fire at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket in a racially motivated attack;

Whereas, during this heinous act of violence, community members, including a retired law enforcement agent courageously took immediate action risking their own lives to protect and save the lives of others;

Whereas, on May 15, 2022, one life was taken, five were wounded, and an entire community was affected and suffered emotional damage when a gunman opened fire on churchgoers in Laguna Woods, California;

Whereas, during this heinous act of violence, churchgoers, including a respected community member and doctor cou-

rageously took immediate action risking their own lives to protect and save the lives of others;

Whereas, on May 24, 2022, the lives of 19 innocent children and 2 teachers were taken, and an entire community was affected and suffered emotional damage when a gunman opened fire at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas;

Whereas, during this heinous act of violence, teachers and students courageously took immediate action risking their own lives to protect and save the lives of others;

Whereas, on June 1, 2022, four lives were taken, others injured, and an entire community was affected and suffered emotional trauma when a gunman opened fire at a Tulsa, Oklahoma, medical facility;

Whereas, during this heinous act of violence, community members, including a United States Army veteran, courageously took immediate action risking their own lives to protect and save the lives of others;

Whereas, on July 4, 2022, 7 lives were taken, over 24 people wounded, and an entire community was affected and suffered emotional trauma when a gunman opened fire on a crowd at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois;

Whereas, during this heinous act of violence, spectators and parade members courageously took immediate action risking their own lives to protect and save the lives of others;

Whereas, on November 20, 2022, 5 lives were taken, 17 wounded, and an entire community was affected, when a gunman open fired on club goers in Club Q in Colorado Springs;

Whereas, during this horrific act of violence, individuals placed the safety of strangers above their own in an effort to subdue the gunman and save the lives of countless others;

Whereas, on October 25, 2023, 18 lives were taken, 13 wounded, and an entire community was affected, when a gunman open fired in a bowling alley in Lewiston, Maine;

Whereas, during this horrible act of violence, individuals including a retired police officer and bowling staff placed the safety of strangers above their own in order to protect children and their families, risking their lives to protect others;

Whereas, on July 13, 2024, 1 life was taken and 2 wounded, when a gunman open fired at a Trump campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania;

Whereas, during this horrific act of violence, individuals including a physician courageously took action to protect and render first aid to others without regard for personal safety; and

Whereas there are countless other examples of heroes standing up for their communities during crises every day:
Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes, commends, and honors the self-
- 3 less dedication fellow citizens displayed through he-
- 4 roic actions across the country and uses the example
- 5 of their sacrifice to renew our commitment to sup-
- 6 porting our neighbors;

1 (2) calls upon the Members of the House of
2 Representatives and all people of the United States
3 to observe a “National Heroes Day” with appro-
4 priate and personal expressions of service and reflec-
5 tion, which can include performing good deeds, dis-
6 playing the United States flag, and engaging in com-
7 munity service or other charitable activities; and
8 (3) urges all people of the United States to con-
9 tinue to live their lives throughout the year with the
10 same spirit of courage, service, and compassion that
11 is exhibited by these everyday heroes.

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