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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 14, 2024, as
3 "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Memorial Day" in
4 Florida, a day of remembrance for all of those who
5 lost their lives, or whose lives were forever changed,
6 as a result of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman
7 Douglas High School in Parkland.

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9 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, Valentine's Day, students,
10 faculty, and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in
11 Parkland arrived on campus for a school day that began like any
12 other, and

13 WHEREAS, at 2:19 p.m., a 19-year-old former student of the
14 school was dropped off by an Uber driver on the east side of the
15 Marjory Stoneman Douglas campus, and

16 WHEREAS, the young man was carrying a rifle bag, and
17 minutes later entered the east hallway doors of Building 12 on
18 the campus, where he removed his semiautomatic rifle from the
19 bag, loaded the weapon, and donned a magazine-carrying vest, and

20 WHEREAS, at 2:21 p.m., the young man fired the first rounds
21 to the west of the first floor hallway, striking four students,
22 only one of whom survived her injuries, and

23 WHEREAS, in the minutes that followed, the young man
24 repeatedly fired into classrooms and at those within his line of
25 sight in the hallway, and

26 WHEREAS, at 2:22 p.m., the first 911 call, coming from
 27 inside Building 12, was received by a law enforcement
 28 communications center in Coral Springs, and

29 WHEREAS, at 2:27 p.m., the young man fired his last
 30 gunshot, entered the west stairwell on the third floor of
 31 Building 12, placed his rifle vest and 180 rounds of live rounds
 32 on the ground, and ran down the stairs, joining in with a large
 33 group of students who were fleeing the campus, and

34 WHEREAS, in those terrifying 6 minutes from the beginning
 35 of the assault to his exit from the building, the young man took
 36 the lives of 17 members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High
 37 School family and wounded 17 others, many of them gravely, and
 38 traumatized thousands of others, and

39 WHEREAS, those who died were 14-year-old Alyssa Alhadeff,
 40 an honor student and athlete; Scott Beigel, age 35, a teacher
 41 and coach with a passion for volunteerism; 14-year-old Martin
 42 Duque Anguiano, Jr., an honor student and JROTC cadet corporal;
 43 17-year-old Nicholas Dworet, captain of the swim team and
 44 selected by faculty as one of twenty first-class graduating
 45 seniors who excelled in academic achievement, character,
 46 community service, and athletic achievement; Aaron Feis, age 37,
 47 a loving husband and a devoted father, coach, and mentor who
 48 always put his family first; 14-year-old Jaime Guttenberg, a
 49 competitive dancer and a volunteer to children with special
 50 needs; Christopher Hixon, age 49, who served in the United

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51 States Navy for 27 years, both active duty and reserves, and
52 followed his passion for sports to become athletic director for
53 Broward County Public Schools; 15-year-old Luke Hoyer, known as
54 "Lukey Bear" to his family, who played for many years in the
55 Parkland Basketball League and aspired to join the Marjory
56 Stoneman Douglas football team in the fall; 14-year-old Cara
57 Loughran, who is remembered as a fiercely loyal, determined,
58 beautiful soul and an accomplished Irish step dancer; 14-year-
59 old Gina Montalto, a Girl Scout, an avid reader, a talented
60 artist, and a member of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas color
61 guard; 17-year-old Joaquin Oliver, who is remembered as the most
62 vibrant personality in any room he entered and as a best friend;
63 14-year-old Alaina Petty, a vibrant and determined first-year
64 cadet in the JROTC program, where she achieved the highest rank
65 possible for a freshman; 18-year-old Meadow Pollack, who aspired
66 to be an attorney and a mom and who, while small in stature,
67 projected strength and determination; 17-year-old Helena Ramsay,
68 who had friends from all cultures, was passionate about
69 environmental issues, and hoped to join an expedition to find
70 the exquisite pink dolphins of the Amazon; 14-year-old Alex
71 Schachter, lover of sports, especially playing basketball and
72 football, and who played the trombone in the Marjory Stoneman
73 Douglas Eagle Regiment Marching Band; 16-year-old Carmen
74 Schentrup, a National Merit Scholar who wanted to cure ALS and
75 loved to explore the world, especially enjoying national parks;

76 | and 15-year-old Peter Wang, who embodied the values espoused in
 77 | the JROTC program – honor, duty, respect, loyalty, selfless
 78 | service, and courage – and who was posthumously admitted to the
 79 | West Point class of 2025 and awarded the institution's Medal of
 80 | Heroism for his actions to save fellow students on that day, and

81 | WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, amid the terror and carnage
 82 | of that day, there were extraordinary acts of courage by members
 83 | of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas family, several of whom gave
 84 | their lives in the protection of others, and

85 | WHEREAS, the events of February 14, 2018, at Marjory
 86 | Stoneman Douglas High School forever changed the lives of the
 87 | students, faculty, and staff who survived the massacre and their
 88 | family members, the first responders who rushed to the scene,
 89 | the health care workers who tended to the wounded, and all who
 90 | witnessed the carnage, and many more throughout the community,
 91 | and

92 | WHEREAS, out of the tragedy came hope in the scores of
 93 | students who survived the attack and who joined together to make
 94 | change and attempt to ensure that the events of February 14,
 95 | 2018, will not be forgotten, and the several family members who
 96 | chose to turn their pain into purpose by advocating for the
 97 | enactment of laws, policies, and practices to make our schools
 98 | safer, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 100 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of

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101 Florida:

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103 That we remember the tragic events of February 14, 2018,
104 and all of the lives lost or forever changed due to the mass
105 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 14, 2024, is
107 recognized as "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Memorial
108 Day" in Florida.

109 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
110 available for presentation to the surviving family members of
111 those who lost their lives in the mass shooting at Marjory
112 Stoneman Douglas High School as a tangible token of the
113 sentiments expressed herein.