

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1407

Recognizing the 12-year anniversary of the tragic attack that took place at the Oak Creek Sikh Gurdwara on August 5, 2012, and honoring the memory of those who died in the attack.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2024

Mr. STEIL (for himself, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. VAN ORDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 12-year anniversary of the tragic attack that took place at the Oak Creek Sikh Gurdwara on August 5, 2012, and honoring the memory of those who died in the attack.

Whereas the freedom of religion is protected in the Constitution, and no religious institution should be subject to violence, hate, intolerance, or religious and racial discrimination;

Whereas, on Sunday, August 5, 2012, a shooting took place killing 7 worshipers at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, a gurdwara, in Oak Creek, Wisconsin;

Whereas the attack occurred as members of the congregation prepared a free community meal served to all congregants arriving for Sunday services;

Whereas several worshipers were injured including a responding officer, Lieutenant Brian Murphy, who was shot 15 times at close range;

Whereas Lieutenant Brian Murphy and all the first responders to the Oak Creek Gurdwara demonstrated great courage in their quick response to the shooting, saving countless lives;

Whereas the Oak Creek shooting was a senseless act of violence and tragedy that should never befall any house of worship;

Whereas the Sikh community responded to the shooting in Oak Creek with compassion and stayed true to the Sikh principle of *chardi kala*, which roughly translates to “relentless optimism”;

Whereas 12 years later, the effects of this shooting are still being felt and will be for years to come; and

Whereas the Oak Creek community will continue to overcome the tragedy and become stronger than before: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns in the strongest possible terms
3 the horrific attack that occurred at the Sikh Temple
4 of Wisconsin on August 5, 2012;

5 (2) honors the memory of Paramjit Kaur,
6 Suveg Singh Khattrra, Satwant Singh Kaleka, Ranjit

1 Singh, Sita Singh, Prakash Singh, and Baba Punjab
2 Singh who died in the attack;

3 (3) offers its heartfelt condolences to the fami-
4 lies, friends, and loved ones of those who died in the
5 attack;

6 (4) recognizes the Sikh community for dem-
7 onstrating unwavering courage, strength, and resil-
8 ience in response;

9 (5) applauds the bravery of Lieutenant Brian
10 Murphy and other first responders who prevented
11 the gunman from potentially taking more lives and
12 quickly treated those who were wounded; and

13 (6) condemns intolerance, including religious
14 and racial discrimination, and calls for unwavering
15 resolve to prevent and seek justice for acts of hate
16 and terror.

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