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Commemorating 7 years since the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando,
Florida, on June 12, 2016.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2023

Mr. SOTO (for himself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. FROST) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Commemorating 7 years since the Pulse nightclub shooting
in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016.

Whereas June 12, 2023, marks 7 years since the Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando, Florida;

Whereas this massacre took place at Pulse nightclub, a safe space for the Orlando community, especially members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning community;

Whereas Orlando and Orange County law enforcement, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and other emergency and health care professionals responded to the tragedy brave-

ly, admirably, and in a coordinated manner, saving many lives;

Whereas, following the massacre, the city of Orlando, the State of Florida, and the United States came together and expressed overwhelming support for the victims and their families regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or political affiliation; and

Whereas, in his first term, President Biden signed over 25 executive actions in an effort to reduce gun violence nationwide, and Congress passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (Public Law 117–159) on June 24, 2022, which President Biden signed on June 25, 2022: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes, remembers, and honors the
 3 memory of the victims killed in the Pulse nightclub
 4 massacre in Orlando, Florida, including Akyra
 5 Monet Murray, Alejandro Barrios Martínez, Amanda
 6 Alvear, Ángel L. Candelario-Padro, Anthony Luis
 7 Laureano Disla, Antonio Davon Brown, Brenda Lee
 8 Márquez McCool, Christopher Andrew Leinonen,
 9 Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, Cory James Connell,
 10 Darryl Roman Burt II, Deonka Deidra Drayton,
 11 Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, Edward Sotomayor, Jr.,
 12 Enrique Ríos, Eric Iván Ortiz-Rivera, Frank
 13 Hernández, Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez,
 14 Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jiménez, Gilberto Ramon Silva
 15 Menéndez, Jason Benjamin Josaphat, Javier Jorge-

1 Reyes, Jean C. Nieves Rodríguez, Jean Carlos
2 Méndez Pérez, Jerald Arthur Wright, Joel Rayón
3 Paniagua, Jonathan A. Camuy Vega, Juan Chavez-
4 Martínez, Juan P. Rivera Velázquez, Juan Ramon
5 Guerrero, Kimberly Morris, Leroy Valentín
6 Fernández, Luis Daniel Conde, Luis Daniel Wilson-
7 León, Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, Luis S. Vielma, Mar-
8 tin Benítez Torres, Mercedes Marisol Flores, Miguel
9 Ángel Honorato, Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, Paul
10 Terrell Henry, Peter O. González-Cruz, Rodolfo
11 Ayala-Ayala, Shane Evan Tomlinson, Simón Adrián
12 Carrillo Fernández, Stanley Almodóvar III, Tevin
13 Eugene Crosby, Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado,
14 and Yilmary Rodríguez Solivan;

15 (2) offers heartfelt condolences and deepest
16 sympathies for the families, loved ones, and friends
17 of such victims on their day of remembrance;

18 (3) expresses the continual support to those af-
19 fected and marked by this tragedy many years later;

20 (4) applauds the bravery and dedication exhib-
21 ited by the hundreds of local, State, and Federal law
22 enforcement officials, emergency medical responders,
23 and others in the city of Orlando, Florida, who of-
24 fered support and assistance;

1 (5) stands together with all people of the
2 United States, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion,
3 sex, sexual orientation, or political affiliation, in the
4 face of terror and hate; and

5 (6) must continue to work toward gun safety
6 and mental health legislation.

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