

No. R-259. House concurrent resolution in memory of Sandra Lee Casey.

(H.C.R.210)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Sandra Lee Casey attended the Dorset Elementary School and graduated from Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, and

Whereas, she developed a passion for working with children, graduated from the College of St. Joseph in Rutland and continued her studies at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, earning a master's degree in special education, and

Whereas, Sandra Casey began her career as a teacher for students with special needs at Poultney High School, and

Whereas, she moved to California, joining the faculty of Manhattan Beach Middle School, embarking on a tenure that continued for nine years, and

Whereas, the students, parents, and faculty at Manhattan Beach Middle School considered Sandra Casey a spectacular teacher, who remained passionate about her profession and deeply devoted to her students, and

Whereas, when not involved in school-related activities, Sandra Casey enjoyed athletics as an enthusiastic soccer player, bowler, runner, and yoga practitioner, and

Whereas, the Manhattan Beach Middle School was not only Sandra Casey's professional home, but the setting where she met her fiancé, Christopher Willemse, with whom she anticipated many happy future years, and

Whereas, on the night of October 1, 2017, Sandra Casey and Christopher Willemse were attending a country music concert in Las Vegas, Nevada, at which a mass shooting occurred, resulting in the deaths of 58 victims, including Sandra Casey and her Manhattan Beach Middle School staff colleague, Rachael Parker, and

Whereas, the tragic and premature death of this beloved teacher devastated her colleagues, students, and friends at the Manhattan Beach Middle School, her fiancé, and her family and friends in Vermont, and

Whereas, her survivors include her parents, Teresa and Steven Casey; her fiancé, Christopher Willemse; and her sisters, Tracey, Amanda, and Tanya, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family, colleagues, and students of Sandra Lee Casey, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Sandra Casey's and Rachael Parker's families, to the Manhattan Beach Middle School, to Burr and Burton Academy, and to the Dorset Town Clerk.