
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 396 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DEAN, SIMS, FRANKEL, MILLARD, WARREN, BIZZARRO,
D. COSTA, FREEMAN, KINSEY, DONATUCCI, ROZZI, V. BROWN,
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JUNE 12, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to those who lost their lives during the
2 nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, and extending
3 condolences to the families and friends of the victims as
4 well as to the City of Orlando, Florida.

5 WHEREAS, At approximately 2 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2016, a
6 gunman carried an assault-style rifle and a pistol into Pulse, a
7 gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that was bustling with at
8 least 300 people who had been enjoying the night's events; and

9 WHEREAS, The gunman opened fire, killing 49 people and
10 injuring at least 58 others; and

11 WHEREAS, The attack is the nation's worst terror attack since
12 September 11, 2001, and the deadliest mass shooting and incident
13 of violence against the LGBTQ community in United States
14 history; and

15 WHEREAS, A uniformed police officer working at Pulse was the
16 first to respond to the incident by exchanging gunfire with the
17 gunman; and

1 WHEREAS, In total, approximately 100 officers from the Orange
2 County Sheriff's Office and the Orlando Police Department
3 responded to the scene, in addition to a SWAT team, all of whom
4 acted with bravery in risking their lives to stop the shooter
5 and prevent further loss of lives; and

6 WHEREAS, Monuments around the world were lit up or left dark
7 to honor the victims of the shooting and to stand in solidarity
8 with Orlando, Florida; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of the Orlando, Florida, community
10 immediately reacted to help the victims of the shooting, with
11 hundreds of people lining up to donate blood; and

12 WHEREAS, A fundraising campaign for the victims and their
13 families amassed more than \$29 million; and

14 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
15 Pennsylvania notes the imperative of adding its voice to the
16 outpouring of support to the victims, their families and all
17 residents of Orlando, Florida; and

18 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
19 Pennsylvania denounces the killing of innocent people and the
20 use of violence to express hate and inflict terror; therefore be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pay tribute to all those who lost
24 their lives during the nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
27 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extend its deepest condolences to
28 the families and friends of the victims; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
30 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania thank the emergency responders and

1 law enforcement officers who risked their lives to protect their
2 community as well as all those who sought to help victims during
3 and after the shooting; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express its strong support for the
6 survivors of the shooting as well as all residents of Orlando,
7 Florida, in their recovery and healing; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commit to doing what it can to
10 combat the proliferation of hate, terror and violence in our
11 communities and in our Commonwealth; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
13 Mayor Buddy Dyer, City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, P.O. Box
14 4990, Orlando, Florida 32802-4990.