

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 19, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with  
 2 respect to the tragic shooting in Tucson, Arizona, on January  
 3 8, 2011.

4 WHEREAS, On January 8, 2011, an armed gunman opened fire at a  
 5 "Congress on Your Corner" event hosted by United States  
 6 Representative Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Arizona, killing  
 7 six and wounding at least 14 others; and

8 WHEREAS, The Honorable John Roll, Christina Taylor Green,  
 9 Dorothy Morris, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard and Gabriel  
 10 Zimmerman lost their lives in this attack; and

11 WHEREAS, Christina Taylor Green, who was the nine-year-old  
 12 daughter of John and Roxanna Green and granddaughter of former  
 13 Philadelphia Phillies manager Dallas Green, was born on  
 14 September 11, 2001, and was a third grader with an avid interest  
 15 in government who was recently elected to the student council at

1 Mesa Verde Elementary School; and

2 WHEREAS, The Honorable John Roll, a Pennsylvania native who  
3 was 63 years of age, began his professional career as a bailiff  
4 in 1972, was appointed to the Federal bench in 1991 by President  
5 George H. W. Bush, became chief judge for the District of  
6 Arizona in 2006, and was a devoted husband to his wife, Maureen,  
7 father to his three sons and grandfather to his five  
8 grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords was  
10 a target of this attack and remains in critical condition at an  
11 Arizona hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Giffords became the youngest woman  
13 elected to the Arizona Senate in 2002, the third Congresswoman  
14 to represent the state of Arizona in 2006 and the first Jewish-  
15 American Congresswoman to represent her state; and

16 WHEREAS, On January 7, 2011, Representative Giffords urged  
17 centrism and moderation in the public political discourse; and

18 WHEREAS, This tragic shooting occurred a week before the  
19 commemoration of the Martin Luther King, Jr., national holiday,  
20 in honor of a man who stood for peace and for resolving  
21 differences without violence; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby condemn,  
23 in the strongest possible terms, the horrific attack which  
24 occurred at the "Congress on Your Corner" event hosted by United  
25 States Representative Gabrielle Giffords in Tuscon, Arizona, on  
26 January 8, 2011; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives offer its  
28 heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of  
29 those who were killed in that attack; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its hope

1 for the rapid and complete recovery of those wounded in the  
2 shooting; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the memory  
4 of the Honorable John Roll, Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy  
5 Morris, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard and Gabriel Zimmerman;  
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives applaud the  
8 bravery and quick thinking exhibited by those individuals who  
9 prevented the gunman from potentially taking more lives and  
10 helped to save those who had been wounded; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
12 service of the first responders who raced to the scene and the  
13 health care professionals who tended to the victims once they  
14 reached the hospital, whose service and skill saved lives; and  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives reaffirm the  
17 bedrock principle of American democracy and representative  
18 government, which is memorialized in the First Amendment of the  
19 Constitution of the United States and which Representative  
20 Giffords herself read in the Hall of the United States House of  
21 Representatives on January 6, 2011, of "the right of the people  
22 peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a  
23 redress of grievances"; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives stand firm in its  
25 belief in a democracy in which all can participate and in which  
26 intimidation and threats of violence cannot silence the voices  
27 of any American; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the service  
29 and leadership of United States Representative Gabrielle  
30 Giffords as she courageously fights to recover.