
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 8, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to those who lost their lives during the
2 terrorist attack at the mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

3 WHEREAS, At approximately 1:40 p.m. on Friday, March 15,
4 2019, a gunman entered a Christchurch, New Zealand city mosque
5 with a semi-automatic weapon and opened fire on people inside
6 during Jumu'ah prayer; and

7 WHEREAS, The gunman then proceeded to a second mosque and
8 continued on his murderous rampage; and

9 WHEREAS, The gunman shot and killed a total of 50 people and
10 seriously injured 50 others; and

11 WHEREAS, The attack is New Zealand's worst terror attack and
12 deadliest mass shooting and incident of violence against the
13 Muslim community in its history; and

14 WHEREAS, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern described

1 the horror as a terrorist attack, saying it was perpetrated by
2 suspects with "extremist views" that had no place in her country
3 or the wider world; and

4 WHEREAS, Stories of the bravery of those inside the mosques
5 have revealed that some acted as heroes in an attempt to shield
6 family members and fellow worshipers, with one worshiper
7 actually chasing the gunman away from the first mosque, thus
8 preventing further loss of life; and

9 WHEREAS, The terrorist attack appeared to have been carried
10 out by a white nationalist who posted a racist manifesto online
11 and streamed live video of the killings; and

12 WHEREAS, A 28-year-old man from Australia was charged with
13 murder, and New Zealand police have said he would face
14 additional charges and were considering charging him under the
15 country's Terrorism Suppression Act 2002; and

16 WHEREAS, With an immense outpouring of support from all over
17 the world, people have shown they value the lives and
18 contributions of those of all religions and advocate love and
19 acceptance over hate and ignorance; and

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
25 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pay tribute to those who lost their
26 lives during the terrorist attack at the mosques in
27 Christchurch, New Zealand; and be it further

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

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acknowledge the efforts of the
3 emergency responders and law enforcement officers who risked
4 their lives to protect their community as well as all those who
5 sought to help victims during and after the shootings; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express its strong support for the
9 survivors of the terrorist attack as well as all the residents
10 of Christchurch, New Zealand in their recovery and healing; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commit to doing what it can to
14 combat the proliferation of hate, terror and violence in our
15 communities and in our Commonwealth; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
17 Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, 658 New North Road, Morningside,
18 Auckland, New Zealand.