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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 12, 2017, as "Pulse Remembrance Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2016, an armed gunman opened fire at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, senselessly murdering 49 people, physically wounding 53, and traumatizing thousands, and

WHEREAS, many of the victims and survivors are from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) community, and

WHEREAS, Pulse nightclub is an LGBTQ+ establishment; such establishments carry historical significance and are often recognized as safe havens for the LGBTQ+ community, and

WHEREAS, on that night, communities of color were disproportionately impacted by that horrific hate crime as Pulse nightclub was hosting a "Latin Night" celebration, and

WHEREAS, the attack at Pulse nightclub has been recognized as the deadliest mass shooting by a single individual, the most lethal incident of violence against the LGBTQ+ community in United States history and the largest terrorist attack in the country since 9/11, and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal law enforcement personnel performed their duties admirably in the siege and selflessly risked their lives for the safety of the patrons of Pulse nightclub, and

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26 WHEREAS, following the attack, the residents of Orlando and
27 people throughout the state, the nation, and the world expressed
28 overwhelming support for the victims and their families, and

29 WHEREAS, Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old; Amanda
30 Alvear, 25 years old; Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, 26 years old;
31 Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33 years old; Antonio Davon Brown, 29 years
32 old; Darryl Roman Burt II, 29 years old; Angel L. Candelario-
33 Padro, 28 years old; Juan Chavez-Martinez, 25 years old; Luis
34 Daniel Conde, 39 years old; Cory James Connell, 21 years old;
35 Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old; Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32
36 years old; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old; Simon Adrian
37 Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old; Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26
38 years old; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22 years old; Juan Ramon
39 Guerrero, 22 years old; Paul Terrell Henry, 41 years old; Frank
40 Hernandez, 27 years old; Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old;
41 Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40 years old; Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19
42 years old; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old; Anthony Luis
43 Laureanodisla, 25 years old; Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32
44 years old; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old; Brenda Lee
45 Marquez McCool, 49 years old; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25
46 years old; Kimberly Morris, 37 years old; Akyra Monet Murray, 18
47 years old; Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20 years old; Geraldo A.
48 Ortiz-Jimenez, 25 years old; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years
49 old; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old; Jean Carlos Mendez
50 Perez, 35 years old; Enrique L. Rios Jr., 25 years old; Jean C.

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51 Nieves Rodriguez, 27 years old; Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado,
52 35 years old; Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24 years old; Yilmery
53 Rodriguez Solivan, 24 years old; Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years
54 old; Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old; Martin Benitez Torres,
55 33 years old; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24 years old; Juan P.
56 Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old; Luis S. Vielma, 22 years old;
57 Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50 years old; Luis Daniel
58 Wilson-Leon, 37 years old; and Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years
59 old, tragically lost their lives in that senseless act of hatred
60 and terrorism, NOW, THEREFORE,

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62 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
63 Florida:

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65 That June 12, 2017, is recognized as "Pulse Remembrance
66 Day" in Florida to honor the memory of the 49 innocent victims
67 who lost their lives at Pulse nightclub in a senseless act of
68 hatred and terrorism, to support their families and the
69 survivors, and to acknowledge the compassion and love that was
70 displayed during the aftermath of that tragedy by the Central
71 Florida community and people throughout the state, the nation,
72 and the world.

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