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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 12, 2020, 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 dozens, 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 one of the deadliest mass shootings 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 Omy 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 Laureano Disla, 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 Jean Morris, 37 years old; Akyra Monet
47 Murray, 18 years old; Luis Omar Ocasio Capo, 20 years old;
48 Geraldo A. Ortiz Jimenez, 25 years old; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera,
49 36 years old; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old; Jean Carlos
50 Mendez Perez, 35 years old; Enrique L. Rios Jr., 25 years old;

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

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

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66 That June 12, 2020, is recognized as "Pulse Remembrance
67 Day" in Florida to honor the memory of the 49 innocent victims
68 who lost their lives at Pulse nightclub in a senseless act of
69 hatred and terrorism, to support their families and the
70 survivors, and to acknowledge the compassion and love that was
71 displayed during the aftermath of that tragedy by the Central
72 Florida community and people throughout the state, the nation,
73 and the world.