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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 14, 2026, as "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Memorial Day" in Florida, a day of remembrance for all of those who lost their lives, or whose lives were forever changed, as a result of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, Valentine's Day, students, faculty, and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland arrived on campus for a school day that began like any other, and

WHEREAS, at 2:19 p.m., a 19-year-old former student of the school was dropped off by an Uber driver on the east side of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas campus, and

WHEREAS, the young man was carrying a rifle bag, and minutes later entered the east hallway doors of Building 12 on the campus, where he removed his semiautomatic rifle from the bag, loaded the weapon, and donned a magazine-carrying vest, and

WHEREAS, at 2:21 p.m., the young man fired the first rounds to the west of the first floor hallway, striking four students, only one of whom survived her injuries, and

WHEREAS, in the minutes that followed, the young man repeatedly fired into classrooms and at those within his line of sight in the hallway, and

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26 WHEREAS, at 2:22 p.m., the first 911 call, coming from
27 inside Building 12, was received by a law enforcement
28 communications center in Coral Springs, and

29 WHEREAS, at 2:27 p.m., the young man fired his last
30 gunshot, entered the west stairwell on the third floor of
31 Building 12, placed his rifle vest and 180 rounds of live rounds
32 on the ground, and ran down the stairs, joining in with a large
33 group of students who were fleeing the campus, and

34 WHEREAS, in those terrifying 6 minutes from the beginning
35 of the assault to his exit from the building, the young man took
36 the lives of 17 members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High
37 School family and wounded 17 others, many of them gravely, and
38 traumatized thousands of others, and

39 WHEREAS, those who died were 14-year-old Alyssa Alhadeff,
40 an honor student and athlete; Scott Beigel, age 35, a teacher
41 and coach with a passion for volunteerism; 14-year-old Martin
42 Duque Anguiano, Jr., an honor student and JROTC cadet corporal;
43 17-year-old Nicholas Dworet, captain of the swim team and
44 selected by faculty as one of twenty first-class graduating
45 seniors who excelled in academic achievement, character,
46 community service, and athletic achievement; Aaron Feis, age 37,
47 a loving husband and a devoted father, coach, and mentor who
48 always put his family first; 14-year-old Jaime Guttenberg, a
49 competitive dancer and a volunteer to children with special
50 needs; Christopher Hixon, age 49, who served in the United

51 States Navy for 27 years, both active duty and reserves, and
52 followed his passion for sports to become athletic director for
53 Broward County Public Schools; 15-year-old Luke Hoyer, known as
54 "Lukey Bear" to his family, who played for many years in the
55 Parkland Basketball League and aspired to join the Marjory
56 Stoneman Douglas football team in the fall; 14-year-old Cara
57 Loughran, who is remembered as a fiercely loyal, determined,
58 beautiful soul and an accomplished Irish step dancer; 14-year-
59 old Gina Montalto, a Girl Scout, an avid reader, a talented
60 artist, and a member of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas color
61 guard; 17-year-old Joaquin Oliver, who is remembered as the most
62 vibrant personality in any room he entered and as a best friend;
63 14-year-old Alaina Petty, a vibrant and determined first-year
64 cadet in the JROTC program, where she achieved the highest rank
65 possible for a freshman; 18-year-old Meadow Pollack, who aspired
66 to be an attorney and a mom and who, while small in stature,
67 projected strength and determination; 17-year-old Helena Ramsay,
68 who had friends from all cultures, was passionate about
69 environmental issues, and hoped to join an expedition to find
70 the exquisite pink dolphins of the Amazon; 14-year-old Alex
71 Schachter, lover of sports, especially playing basketball and
72 football, and who played the trombone in the Marjory Stoneman
73 Douglas Eagle Regiment Marching Band; 16-year-old Carmen
74 Schentrup, a National Merit Scholar who wanted to cure ALS and
75 loved to explore the world, especially enjoying national parks;

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76 | and 15-year-old Peter Wang, who embodied the values espoused in
77 | the JROTC program – honor, duty, respect, loyalty, selfless
78 | service, and courage – and who was posthumously admitted to the
79 | West Point class of 2025 and awarded the institution's Medal of
80 | Heroism for his actions to save fellow students on that day, and

81 | WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, amid the terror and carnage
82 | of that day, there were extraordinary acts of courage by members
83 | of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas family, several of whom gave
84 | their lives in the protection of others, and

85 | WHEREAS, the events of February 14, 2018, at Marjory
86 | Stoneman Douglas High School forever changed the lives of the
87 | students, faculty, and staff who survived the massacre and their
88 | family members, the first responders who rushed to the scene,
89 | the health care workers who tended to the wounded, and all who
90 | witnessed the carnage, and many more throughout the community,
91 | and

92 | WHEREAS, out of the tragedy came hope in the scores of
93 | students who survived the attack and who joined together to make
94 | change and attempt to ensure that the events of February 14,
95 | 2018, will not be forgotten, and the several family members who
96 | chose to turn their pain into purpose by advocating for the
97 | enactment of laws, policies, and practices to make our schools
98 | safer, NOW, THEREFORE,

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100 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
101 Florida:

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103 That we remember the tragic events of February 14, 2018,
104 and all of the lives lost or forever changed due to the mass
105 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 14, 2026, is
107 recognized as "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Memorial
108 Day" in Florida.

109 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
110 available for presentation to the surviving family members of
111 those who lost their lives in the mass shooting at Marjory
112 Stoneman Douglas High School as a tangible token of the
113 sentiments expressed herein.