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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

Honoring Charlie Kirk

3 FOR the purpose of honoring Charles “Charlie” James Kirk; and generally relating to
4 Charlie Kirk.

5 WHEREAS, Charles “Charlie” James Kirk, born October 14, 1993, was a courageous
6 American patriot, whose life was tragically and unjustly cut short in an act of political
7 violence on September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University; and

8 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a devoted Christian, who boldly lived out his faith
9 with conviction, courage, and compassion; and

10 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a dedicated husband to his beloved wife, Erika Kirk,
11 and a loving father to their daughter and son, exemplifying the virtues of faith, fidelity,
12 and fatherhood; and

13 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a fierce defender of the American founding and its
14 timeless principles of life, liberty, limited government, and individual responsibility; and

15 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk, at 18 years old, founded Turning Point USA in 2012, a
16 student movement with the mission to “identify, educate, train, and organize students to
17 promote the principles of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government”; and

18 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk became one of the most prominent voices in America,
19 engaging in respectful, civil discourse across college campuses, media platforms, and
20 national forums, always seeking to elevate truth, foster understanding, and strengthen the
21 republic; and

22 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk personified the values of the First Amendment, exercising
23 his God-given right to speak freely, challenging prevailing narratives, and did so with
24 honor, courage, and respect for his fellow Americans; and



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1 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's commitment to civil discussion and debate stood as a
2 model for young Americans across the political spectrum, and he worked tirelessly to
3 promote unity without compromising on conviction; and

4 WHEREAS, The assassination of Charlie Kirk was not only a heinous act of violence,
5 but a sobering reminder of the growing threat posed by political extremism and hatred in
6 our society; and

7 WHEREAS, Such acts of politically motivated violence are antithetical to the
8 principles of a free republic, in which differences of opinion are to be debated – not silenced
9 – with civility, reason, and mutual respect; and

10 WHEREAS, The rise in targeted violence against individuals for their political
11 beliefs undermines the very fabric of our constitutional democracy and chills the free
12 exchange of ideas essential to a healthy civic society; and

13 WHEREAS, Leaders at every level – government, education, media, and beyond –
14 must stand united in unequivocal condemnation of political violence, regardless of their
15 ideology; and

16 WHEREAS, The tragic loss of Charlie Kirk must not be allowed to deepen the divides
17 in our Nation, but instead serve as a turning point to recommit ourselves to better angels
18 and to the timeless American principles of liberty governed by truth and the virtues of
19 peaceful dialogue; and

20 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk would not have us respond to his death with despair, but
21 rather with renewed purpose – to speak truth with courage, to stand firm in faith, to seek
22 unity while standing firm in principle, and to serve as living reminders of the values he
23 championed: faith, family, and freedom; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
25 Assembly condemns in the strongest possible terms the assassination of Charles "Charlie"
26 James Kirk and all forms of political violence; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly commends and honors the dedicated law
28 enforcement and emergency personnel for their tireless efforts in finding the suspect
29 responsible for the assassination of Charlie Kirk and urges the administration of swift
30 justice to the suspect; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly extends its deepest condolences and
32 sympathies to Charlie Kirk's family, including his wife, Erika, and their two young
33 children, and prays for comfort, peace, and healing in this time of unspeakable loss; and be
34 it further

1 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly honors the life, leadership, and legacy of
2 Charlie Kirk, whose steadfast dedication to the Constitution, civil discourse, and biblical
3 truth inspired a generation to cherish and defend the blessings of liberty; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly calls upon all Americans – regardless of
5 race, party affiliation, or creed – to reject political violence, recommit to respectful debate,
6 uphold American values, and respect one another as fellow Americans; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
8 Legislative Services to Turning Point USA.