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TESTIMONY ON HJ#0001 - UNFAVORABLE
Honoring Charlie Kirk

TO: Chair Healey, Vice Chair Holmes, and members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HJ#0001, **Honoring Charlie Kirk**

Based on documented statements the late Charlie Kirk made, I do not believe he deserves any honors be extended to him. Charlie Kirk's Top 11 Most Heinous Statements & Remarks (documented & reported):

1. Said gun deaths are "unfortunately worth it" to preserve the Second Amendment.
2. Called transgender identity a mental disease, needing "brain treatment."
3. Refused to use people's correct pronouns: "I will not call a man a woman."
4. Demanded a nationwide ban on gender-affirming care.
5. Quoted scripture about homosexuality as an "abomination" deserving death.
6. Called Martin Luther King Jr. a "myth" and said the Civil Rights Act was a "huge mistake."
7. Promoted the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory.
8. Spread COVID-19 misinformation likening masks and vaccine mandates to "medical apartheid."
9. Suggested mass incarceration as a fix for the housing crisis.
10. Advocated for public, televised executions even for children to watch.
11. Dismissed Black competence and made demeaning statements about Black women: He claimed that Michelle Obama and other supporters of affirmative action "lacked the brain processing power" to understand arguments on those policies [00]. He also made undermining comments toward Black pilots, saying, "If I see a Black pilot, I'm gonna be like, 'Boy, I hope he's qualified.'"

This resolution calls for the General Assembly to honor "the life, leadership, and legacy of Charlie Kirk, whose steadfast dedication to the Constitution, civil discourse, and biblical truth inspired a generation to cherish and defend the blessings of liberty." I believe NONE of his listed statements meets that declaration. Rather than supporting American values he sought to divide us and make us hate each other.

The resolution further states that the General Assembly calls upon all Americans – regardless of race, party affiliation, or creed – to reject political violence, recommit to respectful debate, uphold American values, and respect one another as fellow Americans. I agree with that statement ONLY as expressed in the resolution.

Two things are possible – condemn violence but not elevate Charlie Kirk, based on his statements. I urge rejection of the resolution for its conflation of two different conflicting perspectives.

I respectfully urge this committee to return an unfavorable report on HJ#0001.