

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

Senators Nesbitt, Albert, Bellino, Victory, Johnson, Runestad, McBroom, Hoitenga, Daley, Hauck, Huizenga, Lauwers and Webber offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Charles
2 "Charlie" James Kirk and to condemn all forms of political
3 violence.

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

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

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

1 Whereas, Charlie Kirk was a fierce defender of the American
2 founding and its timeless principles of life, liberty, limited
3 government, and individual responsibility; and

4 Whereas, In 2012, at 18 years old, he founded Turning Point
5 USA, a student movement with the mission to "identify, educate,
6 train, and organize students to promote the principles of fiscal
7 responsibility, free markets, and limited government"; and

8 Whereas, Charlie Kirk became one of the most prominent voices
9 in America, engaging in respectful, civil discourse across college
10 campuses, media platforms, and national forums, always seeking to
11 elevate truth, foster understanding, and strengthen the Republic;
12 and

13 Whereas, He personified the values of the First Amendment,
14 exercising his God-given right to speak freely, challenge
15 prevailing narratives, and did so with honor, courage, and respect
16 for his fellow Americans; and

17 Whereas, Charlie Kirk's commitment to civil discussion and
18 debate stood as a model for young Americans across the political
19 spectrum, and he worked tirelessly to promote unity without
20 compromising on conviction; and

21 Whereas, The assassination of Charlie Kirk was not only a
22 heinous act of violence, but a sobering reminder of the growing
23 threat posed by political extremism and hatred in our society; and

24 Whereas, Such acts of politically motivated violence are
25 antithetical to the principles of a free republic, in which
26 differences of opinion are to be debated—not silenced—with
27 civility, reason, and mutual respect; and

28 Whereas, The rise in targeted violence against individuals for
29 their political beliefs undermines the very fabric of our

1 constitutional democracy and chills the free exchange of ideas
2 essential to a healthy civic society; and

3 Whereas, Leaders at every level—government, education, media,
4 and beyond—must stand united in unequivocal condemnation of
5 political violence, regardless of their ideology; and

6 Whereas, The tragic loss of Charlie Kirk must not be allowed
7 to deepen the divides in our Nation, but instead serve as a turning
8 point to recommit ourselves to better angels, and to the timeless
9 American principles of liberty governed by truth and the virtues of
10 peaceful dialogue; and

11 Whereas, Charlie Kirk would not have us respond to his death
12 with despair, but rather with renewed purpose—to speak truth with
13 courage, to stand firm in faith, to seek unity while standing firm
14 in principle, and to serve as living reminders of the values he
15 championed: faith, family, and freedom; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
17 body offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the
18 memory of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk; and be it further

19 Resolved, That we condemn in the strongest possible terms the
20 assassination of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk, and all forms of
21 political violence; and be it further

22 Resolved, That we commend and honor the dedicated law
23 enforcement and emergency personnel for their tireless efforts in
24 finding the suspect responsible for the assassination of Charlie
25 Kirk and urge the administration of swift justice to the suspect;
26 and be it further

27 Resolved, That we extend our deepest condolences and
28 sympathies to Charlie Kirk’s family including his wife, Erika, and
29 their two young children, along with prayers for comfort, peace, and

1 healing in this time of unspeakable loss; and be it further

2 Resolved, That we honor the life, leadership, and legacy of
3 Charlie Kirk, whose steadfast dedication to the Constitution, civil
4 discourse, and Biblical truth inspired a generation to cherish and
5 defend the blessings of liberty; and be it further

6 Resolved, That we call upon all Americans, regardless of race,
7 party affiliation, or creed, to reject political violence, recommit
8 to respectful debate, uphold American values, and respect one
9 another as fellow Americans.