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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JUNE 16, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 16, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to those who lost their lives during the  
2 nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, and extending  
3 condolences to the families and friends of the victims as  
4 well as to the City of Orlando, Florida.

5 WHEREAS, At approximately 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2016,  
6 a gunman carried an assault rifle and a pistol into Pulse, a gay  
7 nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that was bustling with at least  
8 300 people who had been enjoying the night's events; and

9 WHEREAS, The gunman opened fire, killing 49 people and  
10 injuring at least 53 people, according to officials; and

11 WHEREAS, While law enforcement agencies are still  
12 investigating the incident, many officials, including President  
13 Barack Obama, have said the shooting was an act of hate and  
14 terror; and

15 WHEREAS, The attack is the deadliest mass shooting in United

1 States history and the nation's worst terror attack since  
2 September 11, 2001; and

3 WHEREAS, A uniformed police officer working at Pulse was the  
4 first to respond to the incident by exchanging gunfire with the  
5 gunman; and

6 WHEREAS, In total, approximately 100 officers from the Orange  
7 County Sheriff's Office and the Orlando Police Department  
8 responded to the scene, in addition to a SWAT team, all of whom  
9 acted with bravery in risking their lives to stop the shooter  
10 and prevent further loss of lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Monuments around the world were lit up or left dark  
12 to honor the victims of the shooting and to stand in solidarity  
13 with Orlando, Florida; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the Orlando, Florida, community  
15 immediately reacted to help the victims of the shooting, with  
16 hundreds of people lining up to donate blood; and

17 WHEREAS, A fundraising campaign for the victims and their  
18 families amassed more than \$2 million in just one day; and

19 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
20 Pennsylvania notes the imperative of adding its voice to the  
21 outpouring of support to the victims, their families and all  
22 residents of Orlando, Florida; and

23 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
24 Pennsylvania denounces the killing of innocent people and the  
25 use of violence to express hate and inflict terror; therefore be  
26 it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
28 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pay tribute to all those who lost  
29 their lives during the nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida;  
30 and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extend its deepest condolences to  
3 the families and friends of the victims; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania thank the emergency responders and  
6 law enforcement officers who risked their lives to protect their  
7 community, as well as all those who sought to help victims  
8 during and after the shooting; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express its strong support for the  
11 survivors of the shooting as well as all residents of Orlando,  
12 Florida, in their recovery and healing; and be it further

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commit to doing what it can to  
15 combat the proliferation of hate, terror and violence in our  
16 communities and in our Commonwealth; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
18 Mayor Buddy Dyer, City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, P.O. Box  
19 4990, Orlando, Florida 32802-4990.