

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 928

Honoring the victims of the mass shooting at the University of Nevada,  
Las Vegas on December 6, 2023.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2023

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. HORSFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the victims of the mass shooting at the University  
of Nevada, Las Vegas on December 6, 2023.

Whereas, on December 6, 2023, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) students, faculty, and staff were preparing for the end of the Fall 2023 Semester;

Whereas just before 12:00 p.m. local time, the first call came into University Police Services Southern Command about an active shooter at Frank and Estella Beam Hall on UNLV's campus;

Whereas the three victims who tragically died were:

(1) Cha Jan “Jerry” Chang, 64, a professor in the Department of Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology in UNLV's Lee Business School. A devoted UNLV colleague for more than 20 years, Jerry was

known for his even-keeled, positive, and unwavering presence;

(2) Patricia Navarro-Velez, 39, an assistant professor of accounting at the university and a mother of four, who devoted her career to educating the next generation of business professionals, particularly among underserved and minority populations. Patricia is remembered by her “infectious smile” and “larger than life personality”; and

(3) Naoko Takemaru, 69, an associate professor of Japanese studies, and a noted author, academic, and award-winning educator who was in her 20th year of teaching at UNLV. Naoko’s colleagues remembered her as “lionhearted in kindness.”

Whereas one wounded victim still remains in the hospital with life-threatening injuries;

Whereas, within 78 seconds, University Police responded to the incident;

Whereas, at 11:55 a.m., plain-clothed University Police Detective Nathaniel Drum and Officer Damian Garcia engaged with the shooter outside of Beam Hall, neutralized the threat to the campus, and undoubtedly saved countless lives;

Whereas the entire Southern Nevada police and emergency services apparatus sprang into action to respond and protect the community, including individuals from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Henderson Police Department, Clark County School District Police, Boulder City Police Department, North Las Vegas Police Department, Clark County Fire Department as well as federal law enforcement partners from the U.S. Marshals Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Drug Enforcement Agency;

Whereas Southern Nevada has unfortunately been the location of several mass shootings, including the horrific shooting on October 1, 2017, which claimed the lives of 58 individuals;

Whereas, in 2023 alone, the U.S. has experienced approximately 40,000 deaths due to gun violence; and

Whereas we must come together to enact commonsense gun violence prevention reform.

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) Condemns the horrific act of gun violence  
3               that claimed the lives of three UNLV professors and  
4               injured another faculty member on December 6,  
5               2023;

6               (2) Honors the memory and legacy of the inno-  
7               cent victims and offers heartfelt condolences and  
8               support to their families;

9               (3) Stands in solidarity with the entire UNLV  
10              community as it grapples with this tragedy; and

11              (4) Commends the first responders for their he-  
12              roic, selfless acts in response to the shooting.

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