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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Joint Resolution 97 by
3 deleting everything after the heading and replacing it with
4 the following:

5 "WHEREAS, On Monday, July 4, 2022, the City of Highland
6 Park and thousands of its residents and neighbors gathered for
7 its annual Fourth of July parade; and

8 WHEREAS, For generations, Highland Park has hosted this
9 parade, one of the largest Fourth of July gatherings in the
10 northern suburbs of Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, At 10:14 a.m., tragedy struck as an alleged lone
12 gunman opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at the
13 intersection of 2nd Street and Central Avenue in downtown
14 Highland Park; and

1 WHEREAS, In less than one minute, the assailant shot 83
2 bullets into the crowd, killing 7 and injuring dozens; and

3 WHEREAS, As residents ran from the gunfire, placed their
4 bodies over their loved ones, and sought safety, first
5 responders who had come to watch the parade put themselves in
6 harm's way; and

7 WHEREAS, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members
8 and community volunteers rushed to the scene and bravely
9 worked side by side with fire and police personnel and medical
10 professionals, helping to save lives through their quick
11 action; and

12 WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers from Highland Park and
13 hundreds of others throughout the State of Illinois and at all
14 levels of government worked together to quickly secure
15 downtown Highland Park and later apprehend the suspect; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Nancy Rotering admirably and strongly led
17 the grieving Highland Park community in the minutes
18 immediately after the shooting and in the weeks and months
19 following the shooting, as the international community looked
20 to her leadership; and

21 WHEREAS, City Manager Ghida Neukirch selflessly ran to the

1 scene of the shooting to provide first aid to gunshot victims,
2 going far above and beyond her duties and providing
3 extraordinary care to the Highland Park community in the
4 moments following the shooting; and

5 WHEREAS, Physicians, nurses, and other staff raced to
6 Highland Park Hospital to assist the injured, some coming
7 straight from the parade, doing incredible work under intense
8 and difficult circumstances; and

9 WHEREAS, Hundreds of therapists, counselors, and social
10 workers have supported those experiencing trauma from what
11 they witnessed during and after the shooting; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn the lives lost at the
15 hands of gunfire in the City of Highland Park on July 4, 2022
16 and all those around the State of Illinois who have been lost
17 to gun violence and recognize the surviving families that live
18 with the trauma of their losses; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we especially remember the lives of
20 Katherine Goldstein, Irina McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Stephen
21 Straus, Jacquelyn Sundheim, Nicholas Toledo-Zaragoza, and
22 Eduardo Uvaldo; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we honor the City of Highland Park and its
2 law enforcement, first responders, and community leaders for
3 their service to the people of Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we urge leaders to continue to do
5 everything in their power to ensure no other community
6 experiences the trauma of gun violence, so that this horrific
7 tragedy shall not be in vain; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 delivered to the City of Highland Park."