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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The city of Chicago continues to be afflicted with  
3 gun violence, and seniors at The Chicago High School for the  
4 Arts (ChiArts) created a temporary memorial on May 30, 2013,  
5 for all the Chicagoans who have lost their lives to gun  
6 violence since the beginning of the year; and

7           WHEREAS, The memorial came at a time when the culmination  
8 of the students' work on an economic project examining the  
9 causes of, and possible solutions to, the violence that plagues  
10 the city coincided with dozens of students being personally  
11 affected by the violence in Chicago; and

12           WHEREAS, The memorial was organized by senior Rachel Otero,  
13 who wanted to make a statement in support of her classmates who  
14 have lost friends and family to gun violence and to convey the  
15 message that they are not powerless and can use the arts to  
16 make a powerful emotional statement to address the violence;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, The memorial included students tracing a chalk  
19 outline on the sidewalk in front of the ChiArts to represent  
20 each of the victims of gun violence; each victims's name was  
21 written into the outline and each name was read aloud during a  
22 candlelight vigil; and

1           WHEREAS, The memorial was inspired by Art=Ammo, an  
2 organization of artists against gun violence who are traveling  
3 to cities around the country in an attempt to get people to  
4 reflect on the effects of violence; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we mourn the deaths of all Chicagoans who were victims of gun  
8 violence and recognize The Chicago High School for the Arts'  
9 memorial to the victims; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the students of ChiArts.