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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Honoring the victims of the devastating attack that took place at the Waukesha, Wisconsin, Christmas parade on November 21, 2021.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FITZGERALD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Honoring the victims of the devastating attack that took place at the Waukesha, Wisconsin, Christmas parade on November 21, 2021.

Whereas, on November 21, 2021, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, an individual committed intentional homicide on parade participants and attendees, killing 6 people and leaving 62 others with injuries;

Whereas the attack occurred during the 58th annual Waukesha Christmas parade, a tradition that featured over 60 local civic groups, businesses, schools, public services, and entertainers;

Whereas Virginia Sorenson was a cherished long-time member of Milwaukee’s Dancing Grannies and longtime choreographer for the group;

Whereas Tamara Durand was a new member of Milwaukee’s Dancing Grannies who volunteered for local hospitals and the Red Cross while caring for her grandson;

Whereas LeAnna Owen was a committed member of Milwaukee’s Dancing Grannies who managed an apartment building and rescued bulldogs;

Whereas Jane Kulich was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, and was dedicated to her co-workers at Citizens Bank, with whom she was marching in the parade;

Whereas Wilhelm Hospel volunteered for Milwaukee’s Dancing Grannies to support his wife, Lola, and was an avid outdoorsman;

Whereas Jackson Sparks was a loving child who enjoyed playing baseball for the Waukesha Blazers;

Whereas, in response to the tragedy, the community continues to stand “Waukesha Strong” in efforts to honor the victims and heal together;

Whereas, two weeks after the attack, homes and businesses were decorated in blue lights to honor the victims;

Whereas, on September 24, 2022, a mural that serves as a beacon for the community was dedicated to the lives lost in the attack; and

Whereas, a year later, the Waukesha community continues to overcome this tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That House of Representatives—

1 (1) honors the memories of Wilhelm Hospel,
2 Virginia Sorenson, LeAnna Owen, Tamara Durand,
3 Jane Kulieh, and Jackson Sparks who died in the
4 attack;

5 (2) offers its heartfelt condolences to the fami-
6 lies, friends, and loved ones of those who died in the
7 attack;

8 (3) applauds the life-saving efforts of first re-
9 sponders and health professionals in their efforts to
10 provide care for the victims;

11 (4) recognizes the Waukesha community for
12 showing unparalleled resilience, courage, and
13 strength; and

14 (5) expresses its wishes that the next Waukesha
15 Christmas parade will be a show of strength and
16 compassion in the community, demonstrating the
17 perseverance of Wisconsinites.