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H.C.R. No. 36

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 2017 mass shooting in Sutherland Springs
2 continues to exact a heavy toll on survivors, their loved ones, and
3 the families of the slain; and

4 WHEREAS, In the attack, 26 Texans were killed and 20 more were
5 wounded; today, survivors still struggle with impairments and
6 endure physical and emotional pain; injuries require ongoing care,
7 therapy, and psychological treatment, leaving families burdened by
8 medical expenses even as they adapt to lost income and earning
9 capacity; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States government has thus far failed to
11 extend the same level of support it has provided in the wake of
12 similar horrific incidents; it agreed to pay \$88 million to the
13 families of nine people shot dead at Emanuel AME Church in
14 Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015, and it offered \$127.5 million
15 to the families of those killed in the 2018 shooting at Marjory
16 Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; and

17 WHEREAS, In the years to come, the aftereffects of the
18 Sutherland Springs shooting will remain a source of tremendous
19 suffering and hardship in the lives of those who survived, their
20 families, and the families of those who perished; and

21 WHEREAS, Their suffering and hardship deserves equitable
22 requital to their peers; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby urge the United States Congress to ensure that the survivors

1 and surviving families of the Sutherland Springs mass shooting
2 receive compensation equivalent to the relief provided to those
3 impacted by similar incidents; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
5 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
6 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
7 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
8 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
9 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
10 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.