

By: Guillen

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.