

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the nation in mourning the six people tragically killed on January 8, 2011, when a gunman unleashed a hail of bullets during a community event held by United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Senate would like to recognize and honor those victims and those who were wounded in the shooting and express profound sympathy to their friends and family, as well as pay tribute to those who helped to put an end to the incident through their heroism; and

WHEREAS, The youngest victim, Christina Taylor Green, was only nine years old and attending the rally because of her budding interest in politics; and

WHEREAS, Dory Stoddard was a retired construction worker and was trying to shield his wife when he was shot; as a result of his selfless act, Mrs. Stoddard survived; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Morris was a retired secretary, and her son spoke of her upbeat and helpful nature; she is survived by her husband, George, who was also shot during the incident; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Zimmerman was the constituent services representative for Congresswoman Giffords and was known for the tremendous compassion and understanding he demonstrated for others; and

WHEREAS, Judge John Roll was nominated by President George H. W. Bush to the federal bench in 1991 and was elevated to the position of chief judge in 2006; he is survived by his wife, three sons, and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Schneck is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter; her daughter spoke of how she loved to laugh and talk with people; and

WHEREAS, President Obama is asking the American people to come together as a nation and to keep the victims and their families in their thoughts and prayers; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Senate are also deeply concerned for those wounded in the shooting, including Congresswoman Giffords, and wish them all a swift recovery; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of this great tragedy, a number of heroes are deserving of special recognition for their courage and determination; Patricia Maisch was able to wrest another gun clip away from the shooter after he had been tackled by Roger Salzgeber and Bill D. Badger; Joseph Zamudio also helped pin down the assailant, and Daniel Hernandez, Jr., stayed with Congresswoman Giffords after she was shot and kept her conscious and talking; and

WHEREAS, This terrible event has stunned our nation, and our hearts go out to those who were injured and to the loved ones of those who were killed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to all the victims of the tragic Arizona shooting and honor those brave individuals who stepped forward to help their fellow Americans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the victims and their families and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, Chief Judge John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dory Stoddard, and Gabe Zimmerman.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 19, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate