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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A gunman attempted to assassinate former President
2 Donald Trump during a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on
3 July 13, 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, On that day, at approximately 6:00 p.m., former
5 President Trump took the stage and began to deliver his rally
6 speech; moments later, spectators informed law enforcement
7 officers that a suspicious man was climbing a ladder on a nearby
8 building; a local officer climbed to that building's roof to
9 confront the suspect, who was armed with an AR-style rifle; the
10 suspect proceeded to open fire, and members of the Secret Service
11 acted quickly to shield former President Trump; countersnipers
12 targeted and killed the shooter, and investigators later discovered
13 bomb-making materials in the car he drove to the rally; and

14 WHEREAS, During the incident, former President Trump
15 sustained an injury to the upper part of his right ear; he was
16 safely escorted to a local hospital, where he received treatment;
17 other victims include Corey Comperatore, a 50-year-old former fire
18 chief, who was tragically shot and killed while shielding his
19 family from the gunman's bullets, as well as David Dutch and James
20 Copenhaver, who were injured in the shooting and subsequently
21 hospitalized; and

22 WHEREAS, Numerous national leaders have spoken out against
23 political violence in response to the attempted assassination of
24 former President Trump; on the day immediately after the incident,

1 President Joe Biden delivered an address from the Oval Office of the
2 White House to emphasize the importance of cooling down heated
3 political rhetoric; and

4 WHEREAS, The strength of our democracy depends on our shared
5 commitment to freedom of expression and peaceful debate, and all
6 acts of political violence are an affront to those ideals; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby condemn the attempted assassination of former
10 President Donald Trump and denounce all political violence.