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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Charles James "Charlie" Kirk was born on October 14, 1993, in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and was tragically assassinated on September 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Though his life was cut short, Charlie Kirk became one of the preeminent voices of a generation, inspiring millions of young Americans to engage in civic discourse, champion conservative principles, and reclaim the foundational values of faith, family, liberty, limited government, and individual responsibility; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, at age 18, Mr. Kirk cofounded and became the chief executive officer of Turning Point USA, which began as a grassroots, shoestring campus effort and evolved into a well-funded, highly effective national organization with several affiliated groups, including Turning Point Action and TPUSA Faith; and

WHEREAS, Through his work and tireless advocacy at Turning Point USA, Mr. Kirk led a transformative movement on college campuses and beyond, empowering students to defend free markets and secure borders and to protect traditional family structures against ideological overreach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk became a widely known media figure around the globe, hosting *The Charlie Kirk Show* on talk radio, appearing regularly on conservative outlets, fostering an environment for open dialogue on America's college campuses, and delivering addresses at such major political conferences as the 2024

Republican National Convention and the 2022 Conservative Political Action Conference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk authored several books, including *Campus Battlefield* in 2018, *The MAGA Doctrine* in 2020, and *Right Wing Revolution* in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Among his admirers, Mr. Kirk earned a stellar reputation for his skill as a debater and his steadfast focus on campus activism, youth engagement, and faith-based organizing; and

WHEREAS, A vocal and unapologetic Christian, Mr. Kirk embodied the Christian heritage that undergirds American exceptionalism, publicly proclaiming his faith in Jesus Christ as a guiding force in the pursuit of justice, moral clarity, and defense of the unborn; and

WHEREAS, In serving as a tireless advocate for free speech, Mr. Kirk fought against suppression by technology companies, university indoctrination, and government overreach, thereby helping preserve the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and ensuring that dissenting voices, especially those of the next generation, could flourish in the public square; and

WHEREAS, Through relentless persecution, cancellation attempts, smears, and his ultimate assassination, Mr. Kirk became a martyr for truth and liberty, enduring personal and professional attacks with an unwavering resolve to expose corruption, challenge prevailing narratives, and uphold objective reality in the face of censorship and cultural decay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk will be remembered for his many contributions to his family, community, and nation and will be

deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by his presence; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk is survived by his beloved wife, Erika Frantzve Kirk, his two treasured children, and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, In commemoration of Charlie Kirk's short but impactful time on this earth, Texans are encouraged on October 14, the date of his birth, to reflect on the principles he championed, to participate in educational events promoting civic engagement, and to honor his legacy as a martyr for truth and liberty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 90th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate October 14 as Charlie Kirk Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.