

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 681

Relating to the life and death of Chuck Norris.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 20, 2026

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. ARMSTRONG) submitted the following  
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Relating to the life and death of Chuck Norris.

Whereas Carlos Ray “Chuck” Norris was born in Ryan,  
Oklahoma, on March 10, 1940, and passed at the age of  
86 on March 19, 2026, in Hawaii;

Whereas, at age 12, Norris moved to Torrance, California;

Whereas, in 1958, Norris enlisted in the United States Air  
Force and was given the occupational specialty of air po-  
lice, now called Air Force Security Forces;

Whereas Norris spent 1 year at an Air Force base in Arizona  
and then deployed to Osan Air Base in South Korea;

Whereas, while stationed in South Korea, Norris learned the  
disciplines of Judo and Tang Soo Do, eventually earning  
a black belt in Karate;

Whereas, in 1962, Norris was honorably discharged from the military and resumed Judo training;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris won his first Professional Middle-weight Karate Champion title;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris made his acting debut in “The Wrecking Crew”;

Whereas, in 1972, Norris starred in his first major film, “The Way of the Dragon,” alongside Bruce Lee;

Whereas, in 1974, Norris decided to retire from martial arts after winning his sixth consecutive Professional Middle-weight Karate Championship;

Whereas Norris continued to act in more than 20 movies, including “Missing in Action,” “The Delta Force,” and “Sidekicks”;

Whereas, in 1993, Norris made his television debut in the series “Walker, Texas Ranger” and starred in the series for 9 seasons;

Whereas, in 2005, Norris reprised his role as Ranger Cordell Walker, starring in “Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial by Fire”;

Whereas Norris started a charitable organization called “Kickstart” to provide martial arts training to middle-school students, teach them respect and discipline, and improve their self-esteem;

Whereas, in 1990, Norris created a new martial arts style called “Chun Kuk Do”;

Whereas, in 2001, Norris received the Veteran of the Year Award from the United States Air Force;

Whereas Norris paid his respects to veterans, oftentimes visiting troops overseas;

Whereas, in 2007, Norris was made an honorary marine by  
Marine Corps Commandant General James T. Conway;

Whereas, in 2010, former Texas Governor Rick Perry named  
Norris an honorary Texas Ranger, and in 2017, the  
Texas Senate named Norris an honorary Texan for his  
role in “Walker, Texas Ranger”;

Whereas Norris was known for both his inspirational and hu-  
morous quotes, including—

(1) “When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, it  
changed my life forever.”;

(2) “There is no substitute for hard work. Always  
be humble & hungry.”; and

(3) “When the boogeyman goes to sleep he checks  
the closet for me.”; and

Whereas Norris leaves behind his wife, Gena, children, and  
grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep  
3       regret the announcement of the death of Chuck Nor-  
4       ris; and

5               (2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of  
6       the Senate communicate this resolution to the House  
7       of Representatives.

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