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S. RES. 295

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the carrying of firearms into places of worship or educational and scholastic settings should be prohibited.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. BAYH, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REID, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the carrying of firearms into places of worship or educational and scholastic settings should be prohibited.

Whereas repeated incidents of senseless and horrific gun violence have led many Americans to conclude that neither they nor their children can feel completely secure anywhere at anytime anymore;

Whereas the epidemic of gun violence in our Nation has invaded schools, youth sporting events, places of worship, and other spaces that the American people once thought of as sanctuaries of safety;

Whereas these shootings have shattered the confidence of parents and educators and clergy in their ability to protect children from the increasingly dangerous world around them;

Whereas in response to this trend, Congress previously acted to protect America's children by prohibiting the possession of firearms in school zones;

Whereas no American adult or child should have to fear for their safety when studying, praying in their places of worship, or participating in any other activities at or related to their schools or places of worship;

Whereas it is the obligation of America's elected leaders to do all they can to protect our children from harm and ensure that adults and children alike can learn, play, or pray in safety; and

Whereas there is no rational reason for anyone other than a law enforcement officer to carry a gun into a place of worship, a school, or a school-related event: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
- 2 carrying of firearms into places of worship or educational
- 3 and scholastic settings should be prohibited.

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