

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 204

Supporting the Million Mom March against gun violence and accepting the challenge to reduce by 5,000 the number of lives lost to gun violence by the year 2005, by instituting and supporting policies that will further that goal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the Million Mom March against gun violence and accepting the challenge to reduce by 5,000 the number of lives lost to gun violence by the year 2005, by instituting and supporting policies that will further that goal.

Whereas the United States has the highest rate of death by gunfire of any industrialized nation, and for every person that is killed by a gun in the United States, approximately 3 people are injured;

Whereas, from 1999 to 2002, approximately 120,000 people were killed by gunfire in the United States, and of that

number, approximately 14,000 of these victims were children and young adults;

Whereas every 9 hours in the United States someone's child aged 10 to 19 commits suicide with a gun;

Whereas the number of gun deaths, particularly for gun-related suicide, represents a public crisis that is in need of resolution;

Whereas the Million Mom March, a nationwide, grassroots, chapter-based organization, committed to keeping communities free from gun death and injury, has called on Congress to achieve the goal of saving 5,000 lives by the year 2005, by instituting and supporting policies that will help further this goal;

Whereas that goal of 5,000 lives represents just under 10 percent of the approximately 56,000 people who, at the current rate, will die from gun violence over the next 2 years;

Whereas each death due to gun violence leaves a trail of grief, trauma, and sorrow in friend and family of the victim; and

Whereas there are many common sense, reasonable solutions to saving lives from gun violence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) recognizes that the number of gun-related
4 deaths and injuries in the United States is unacceptable and amounts to a public health crisis;

6 (2) urges the Surgeon General, as a public
7 health issue, to warn parents of the dangers of keep-

1 ing a loaded, unlocked firearm in a house with small
2 children or teenagers;

3 (3) concurs with the Million Mom March that—

4 (A) people throughout the United States
5 have the right to be safe and secure from gun
6 violence in their homes, schools, workplace, and
7 places of worship;

8 (B) all children have the right to grow up
9 free from the threat of gun violence;

10 (C) gun violence is a public health crisis
11 that harms the spiritual, social, and economic
12 health of our families and communities; and

13 (D) it is possible to reduce the number of
14 gun-related deaths and injuries with reasonable,
15 common sense policies; and

16 (4) supports the Million Mom March against
17 gun violence and accepts its call to action to reduce
18 by 5,000 the number of lives lost to gun violence by
19 the year 2005, by instituting and supporting policies
20 that will further this goal.

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