

ABC affiliates, this threat carried real weight. Licenses can be revoked by the agency, wrecking a company.

The threat sparked Nexstar and Sinclair, two affiliate owners, to preempt Kimmel's show from the ABC programming stream and leaving Disney with no other choice but to suspend Jimmy Kimmel indefinitely. It is no surprise that these affiliate companies also seek regulatory favor from the FCC.

Mr. Speaker, there was a time when my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would be outraged by this government overreach. They would not condone this assault on free speech. There was a time when companies, particularly American broadcasters, would hold the line and assert their constitutional rights for all of us.

Apparently, that time is over. It is a dark day indeed. We need to be clear about two things: One, all Jimmy Kimmel did was speak. Two, it is not freedom when a private company decides to shut down speech to avoid punishment from the government.

That needs to end now, and that means that Chairman Carr should resign. I urge my colleagues to keep in mind that the First Amendment is the most important amendment and probably the most important part of our Constitution to guarantee free speech.

Not only does this need to end now, but we have to continue to speak out when we see violations of free speech, both by the President, by the FCC, or by anyone else, frankly, who we have jurisdiction over. I feel very strongly about this, but I do want to go back to the energy issue in the bill that is before us today.

Mr. Speaker, my friends on the other side of the aisle claim they are for all of the above. I have heard that over and over again from the Republicans. They are for all of the above with regard to energy consumption.

The bills today show that is simply not true. It is not accurate when they say that. I have to thank Secretary of Energy Chris Wright for being honest about this. At a Committee on Energy and Commerce hearing in June, he was very blunt. He said: "These companies can find ways to change conduct and take action, frankly, on Kimmel, or there is going to be additional work for the FCC ahead."

Mr. Speaker, there we have it. The Trump administration is staunchly against all of the above. That makes sense because their actions at least match their rhetoric. They are doing everything they can to put their thumb on the scale for dirty energy and cancel every clean energy project they possibly can, no matter how helpful it might be to keep electricity bills down or keep the lights on.

We have a duty to ensure that our power grid can keep the lights on. Even if Republicans don't like to admit it, that means adding clean energy to the grid. It is the quickest source of energy to add to the grid, given the current multiyear gas turbine shortage.

Grid reliability regulators have been clear that renewable energy and batteries were critical in allowing the grid to endure multiple heat waves this summer. That is why Texas added more solar and wind energy to their power grid than any other State in the country in the wake of the blackouts during Winter Storm Uri 4 years ago. Solar and wind helps keep the lights on.

Unfortunately, Republicans seem uninterested in acknowledging the basic reality that solar and wind, partnered with batteries, can be an essential part of a reliable power grid. Instead, they have done everything they can to increase the costs for these technologies and make it harder to add clean energy to the grid.

Mr. Speaker, between this bill and the big, ugly bill, every time Americans open their power bill or see their lights flicker, Republicans are responsible. I think the American people will hold them accountable.

For all these reasons, I oppose this bill, as I oppose the other two energy bills today. I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman BALDERSON for sponsoring the GRID Power Act.

Mr. Speaker, this is part of the strategy we all have to do to produce more power so we can have cheaper power. Demand is rising. We need supply to rise. We need supply of dispatchable power to rise.

I do believe in all of the above. I also believe it is also the best of the above. Dispatchable power is important, and I encourage a "yes" vote.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 707, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ELLZEY) at 3 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHARLES "CHARLIE" JAMES KIRK

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 722, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 719) honoring the life and legacy of Charles "Charlie" James Kirk, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 722, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 719

Whereas Charles "Charlie" James Kirk, born October 14, 1993, was a courageous American patriot, whose life was tragically and unjustly cut short in an act of political violence on September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University;

Whereas Charlie Kirk was a devoted Christian, who boldly lived out his faith with conviction, courage, and compassion;

Whereas Charlie Kirk was a dedicated husband to his beloved wife, Erika Kirk, and a loving father to their daughter and son, exemplifying the virtues of faith, fidelity, and fatherhood;

Whereas Charlie Kirk was a fierce defender of the American founding and its timeless principles of life, liberty, limited government, and individual responsibility;

Whereas Charlie Kirk, at 18 years old, founded Turning Point USA in 2012, a student movement with the mission to "identify, educate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government";

Whereas Charlie Kirk became one of the most prominent voices in America, engaging in respectful, civil discourse across college campuses, media platforms, and national forums, always seeking to elevate truth, foster understanding, and strengthen the Republic;

Whereas Charlie Kirk personified the values of the First Amendment, exercising his God-given right to speak freely, challenge prevailing narratives, and did so with honor, courage, and respect for his fellow Americans;

Whereas Charlie Kirk's commitment to civil discussion and debate stood as a model for young Americans across the political spectrum, and he worked tirelessly to promote unity without compromising on conviction;

Whereas the assassination of Charlie Kirk was not only a heinous act of violence, but a sobering reminder of the growing threat posed by political extremism and hatred in our society;

Whereas such acts of politically motivated violence are antithetical to the principles of a free republic, in which differences of opinion are to be debated—not silenced—with civility, reason, and mutual respect;

Whereas the rise in targeted violence against individuals for their political beliefs undermines the very fabric of our constitutional democracy and chills the free exchange of ideas essential to a healthy civic society;

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

Whereas leaders at every level—government, education, media, and beyond—must stand united in unequivocal condemnation of political violence, regardless of their ideology;

Whereas the tragic loss of Charlie Kirk must not be allowed to deepen the divides in our Nation, but instead serve as a turning point to recommit ourselves to better angels, and to the timeless American principles of liberty governed by truth and the virtues of peaceful dialogue; and

Whereas Charlie Kirk would not have us respond to his death with despair, but rather with renewed purpose—to speak truth with courage, to stand firm in faith, to seek unity while standing firm in principle, and to serve as living reminders of the values he championed: faith, family, and freedom: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns in the strongest possible terms the assassination of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk, and all forms of political violence;

(2) commends and honors the dedicated law enforcement and emergency personnel for their tireless efforts in finding the suspect responsible for the assassination of Charlie Kirk and urges the administration of swift justice to the suspect;

(3) extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to Charlie Kirk’s family, including his wife, Erika, and their two young children, and prays for comfort, peace, and healing in this time of unspeakable loss;

(4) honors the life, leadership, and legacy of Charlie Kirk, whose steadfast dedication to the Constitution, civil discourse, and Biblical truth inspired a generation to cherish and defend the blessings of liberty; and

(5) calls upon all Americans—regardless of race, party affiliation, or creed—to reject political violence, recommit to respectful debate, uphold American values, and respect one another as fellow Americans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCIA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 719, a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk.

Just last week, on September 10, we tragically lost a tremendous leader and friend. A cowardly, deranged, and unstable assassin, who was radicalized by leftwing ideology, murdered a conservative icon over political disagreements.

Charlie Kirk was an inspiration to an entire generation and will be remembered as someone who changed the very course of our country.

However, his most important role was as a loving husband, father, and devout Christian who shared his faith unapologetically. My thoughts and prayers are with Erika and Charlie’s two young children.

We know and appreciate that Charlie Kirk was a man committed to his faith, his family, and this Nation. He dedicated his life to protecting and defending the God-given rights enshrined in our founding documents.

He worked tirelessly to demonstrate how to engage in peaceful and meaningful political dialogue. The life of our Republic depends on resolving political differences through spirited debate, the ballot box, and embracing the rule of law. Political violence has no place in this country.

Violent rhetoric, such as describing political opponents as fascists or Nazis, is unacceptable.

Charlie’s assassination was a deliberate, targeted attack. It was meant to silence a conservative voice. This assassination was meant to instill fear and chill debate, but we have responded and will continue to respond with courage. We will double down on the work Charlie dedicated his life to.

With this resolution today, we firmly condemn the attack that cut his life short. I thank Speaker JOHNSON for leading this effort to honor Charlie Kirk. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the principles that bind us together as a nation. First and foremost, we must acknowledge the human cost of this horrific tragedy. A wife has lost her husband, children have lost their father, and a family has been shattered by senseless violence.

Whatever our personal political views, there should be no hesitation in extending deep sympathy to Charlie Kirk’s loved ones, family, and friends.

We also stand here today to reaffirm a principle that runs deeper than politics: Political violence has no place in the United States of America.

Our democracy rests on a fragile but enduring promise: that disagreements are to be aired through speech, through debate, and through the ballot box, not through intimidation, not through violence, and not through bloodshed. That promise is enshrined in the Constitution, which protects freedom of speech and freedom of assembly precisely because the Framers understood, as we all know, that a democracy cannot function without the ability to argue, to disagree, and sometimes offend each other without fear of retribution. That principle, of course, cuts both ways. We cannot claim to defend free speech if we only protect words we find comfortable or agreeable or polite.

The test of our commitment to the First Amendment is not whether we defend the speech we like. It is whether we defend the speech we dislike. Our Constitution demands that we find a way to live together in freedom even when our visions for the country might differ.

Democracy requires that we resolve our differences not by force but by persuasion; not by threats, but by votes; not by silencing votes, but by answering them.

Today, we all join together to mourn the Kirk family.

Let’s recommit ourselves to the freedoms guaranteed in our Constitution. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR).

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 719, Honoring the Life and Legacy of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk.

Charlie Kirk was a patriot, a Christian, and a tireless activist who traveled America engaging young people in civil discourse. Charlie was doing what he loved: building a platform to share his faith in Jesus Christ and welcoming peaceful political dialogue and public debate before his life was cut short by a radicalized monster.

Charlie considered Arizona his home, but he poured his heart and soul into America, a country he so loved. He was a force of nature. He changed the course and direction of this country.

Charlie was also my friend. Words cannot describe the loss that we feel. His voice, conviction, and friendship will be dearly missed. America will never be the same. We owe Charlie this honor. As he had asked, and this resolution helps to ensure, Charlie will be forever remembered by his courage and faith in Jesus Christ. Godspeed, my friend.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie Kirk stood for the open exchange of ideas, our God-given freedoms, and spirited debate that challenged people to view the issues of the day in a different light. He reminded us to remain rooted in our faith and to seek God’s wisdom every day.

Civil society lost one of its most vocal defenders, there is no question about it. Let me say this: Charlie Kirk’s work and impact are far from over. Everyday men and women are rallying to carry on the mantle that he once carried. Mr. Speaker, that is a powerful testament to his impact upon the world.

I pray that God gives his wife, Erika, his children, and his family continued comfort.

I support the resolution before us today and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN).

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 719, Honoring the life and legacy of Charles "Charlie" James Kirk.

I had the honor of working with Charlie over the last several years, and he gave voice to so many young people. He was outspoken about his faith and conservative values and dedicated his life to engaging people in respectful and intelligent debate. He left a mark on this great country and will be forever missed.

What happened on September 10, 2025, was a violent, political assassination that was an attack on the very freedoms that Charlie lived and fought to protect. Today, we must honor Charlie by recommitting ourselves to what he stood for: respectful, open dialogue; faith; family; truth; and freedom.

Let Charlie's death not deepen our divisions but be the spark that unites us. May we reject political violence wherever it comes from and restore civility.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to honor Charlie's life, to affirm the right to freely engage in public speech, and to resolve that America will stand undeterred by violence.

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Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, what did Charlie do that was so unique? Charlie invited people to come up to meet and debate him openly and without hostility or ridicule.

He would go to college campuses. They would do a popup tent. He would sit there, and there would invariably be a large crowd. He would say, if you disagree with me, we want you to come up first, come to the front of the line. Then, he would have that debate, and invariably, he would win. Why would he win? Because Charlie was a smart guy. Charlie was prepared. Charlie knew the answers.

The other incredible thing, if you ever wanted to see a good set of debates, was when Charlie was at Oxford University debating. That was absolutely phenomenal, and I encourage all to watch that.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON), the Honorable Speaker of the House and my friend.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank my dear friend from Arizona. It has been a tough time in Arizona, and my colleague, ANDY BIGGS, has done a great job in leading people who are shaken. I will say that people all over this country are shaken.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a tough week in the country. I think I have spoken at three or four vigils already. I will be attending our late friend Charlie Kirk's funeral on Sunday, as many of us will, to pay what will be our last respects. The honor of his memory will go on.

The last week has been difficult because people are shaken by this in a way that we have not seen the country moved in quite some time. I have described it as if a shadow has been cast across the country by the untimely death of our dear friend and the way it was done, in such a hateful, heinous manner, online for people to view. It has been disturbing.

My heart has gone out in particular to all the students around this country who are so closely associated with Charlie Kirk's organization, Turning Point. There are 3,500-plus chapters of Turning Point at universities, college campuses, and high school campuses across America. So many of those students felt personally connected to Charlie because his voice resonated with them and helped inform their worldview and the way they see politics and society. When he was lost in such an abrupt and tragic manner, they felt it to their core.

I have been so burdened and disturbed for them. I have been praying for all of those kids, an untold number of young people around the country who are so disturbed and, frankly, need trauma counseling themselves from what they have just seen and witnessed.

In the midst of all of this, the thing that encourages me is that I believe in the same promises of Scripture that Charlie did, and I have been reminded a lot of the passage of Scripture that says: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it." Some translations of the Bible say, "the darkness cannot comprehend it," and I think that is true.

What I have said to all of these students and what I have shared in these vigils is the same refrain. To summarize, the best way to honor the legacy of this singular voice in our culture, not just in the conservative movement, but in the recent history of America in the last several decades, the best way to honor the work, the legacy, and the ministry of Charlie Kirk is to do what he did, and that is to advance the principles that he advanced and to adopt his approach.

What I mean by that is the principles that Charlie advanced were the good

things. Scripture talks about how we focus on the noble and praiseworthy, the good, and Charlie did that. He focused on things like faith, family, freedom, virtue, honor, and patriotism.

Charlie believed in America. He believed in the promise of America, in the creed of America, that we are all made in the image of God, the self-evident truths that God is the one who gives us our rights and not the government, and that those principles are worth fighting for.

Charlie used to quote Ronald Reagan, as I do all the time. Reagan reminded us that freedom is not inherited in the bloodstream. It has to be fought for, protected, taught, and passed along to the generations that come behind us so that they will know the same liberty, opportunity, and security that too many of us have taken for granted too often.

Charlie believed that, so he advanced those principles every single day in every venue that he was able, but he did it in a manner that we should emulate. I tell the young people that they should adopt the practices and the manner, adopt the approach, of Charlie Kirk. What I mean by that is that he was never motivated by hatred for someone on the other side of that debate.

Charlie, to the contrary, was motivated by love because he believed in what Scripture says. There are these three things that remain: faith, hope, and love. Love is the greatest thing of all. Love overcomes. Love conquers. That is what motivated our friend.

Even though he could defeat anybody in a debate, so often—and I saw this myself—when he would vanquish someone in a policy argument, he was the first person after that to reach out a hand of friendship or offer an arm around the shoulder of someone who he had just defeated in a contest. Why? Because it wasn't about winning the policy. It wasn't about, at the end of the day, really the policy arguments. It was about the people. Charlie loved vigorous debate, but he loved people more. That is the legacy of our friend.

A lot of things have been said about him. When someone is on the air, when they are a ubiquitous voice in all forms of media all the time, 24 hours a day, you can go cherry-pick one line or phrase or something that they said in a long context or a long discussion, and you can pick anything out and make someone portray them to be something that they were not.

The people who were doing that did not know Charlie Kirk. All of us who did will attest, every single person who spent any time with Charlie Kirk will tell you, that he was a good and godly man, not a perfect man. None of us are. There was only one ever perfect man, and he was God and man.

Charlie Kirk was a good man who loved his fellow man and gave his life literally in the pursuit of advancing truth.

The very least that we can do is honor him, especially at a time in the

country when people are anxious and frightened. In moments like this, when political instability and fear are pervasive, it is incumbent upon leaders to step forward, stand in the breach, and do what is right.

By voting for this resolution today, we are making a strong statement on behalf of the Congress. We are telling our constituents, for one thing, that political violence, but also the glorification and celebration of that violence, are profoundly wrong, and it goes against everything we stand for as Americans.

Charlie stood for exactly the opposite. He stood for what was good in America, what is virtuous and worthy of protection and preservation.

We honor his memory by doing this simple act of passing this resolution. I can't imagine that anyone would vote against it, or vote present, or pretend as though this is not exactly the right thing to do.

I certainly hope that we can pass this resolution unanimously today, just as it should be passed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank, again, my dear friend and colleague, Congressman ANDY BIGGS of Arizona. Our hearts go out to the people of Arizona, as they do to all, everyone who is mourning his death.

I will tell you this: The truth that Charlie advanced will go forward more loudly and more profoundly than it ever has before, and that is the encouragement we have.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader and my friend.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Arizona for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, we still have heavy hearts. We are still mourning the loss of our friend, Charlie Kirk, who was such an inspirational leader to millions across this country.

As we have seen since his horrific assassination, he inspired not only people here in America but all around the world, as you see from the outpouring of love.

Charlie was a man who had so much love for other people. He had love for our country.

Charlie talked about why it was so important that we debate our differences, something that shouldn't be a novel issue, Mr. Speaker, something that is part of the foundation of what makes this country great and unique, what separates America from so many other failed examples of government, because we are that experiment in self-governance, in democracy.

Part of that ability to self-govern is that we are going to have disagreements and that we have the ability to express those disagreements with each other, but in a civil way, in a way where it doesn't lead to political violence.

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Mr. Speaker, in times like this, we reflect on a lot of things. More than anything, we lean on our faith. Charlie Kirk had tremendous faith.

When I look above the Speaker's rostrum, it says right there in the people's House: "In God We Trust." It is times like this where we really do need to trust in God. God knows the answers. Charlie believed strongly in God. That faith in God is what will get us through tough times like this.

In fact, Charlie talked a number of times about how he would want to be remembered. He talked about how he would want to be remembered for his courage and his faith. What an example he was for faith and for so many young people.

We look at college campuses all across this country right now, and we see mourning. We also see more young people driven to get involved in this process. Since Charlie Kirk's assassination, Turning Point USA has had requests from over 50,000 people to start new chapters on college or high school campuses. This movement Charlie started is just getting started. It will only grow.

His incredibly strong widow, Erika, was just named the head of Turning Point USA. She will continue that legacy. She has vowed to make sure what Charlie stood for, what he represented, and the movement that Charlie Kirk built will endure and it will grow.

It will continue to inspire millions of people to want to get involved in government. They will want to question leadership. Maybe they will question their own views and the things they might have been taught by people in schools, people who had ulterior motives, people who might have been trying to indoctrinate them into some other viewpoints.

They now have the power and the courage to think for themselves. How powerful is that? Mr. Speaker, those are the things that Charlie left behind, and that will endure.

This resolution is so important to remember that legacy. It is important to remember that this was a young man. He was still a young man, but even younger at 18, he was a young student with an idea. He said that what is happening in the schools is wrong. What needs to be taught is something broader. We need to get back to a respect for each other's differences of opinion. That is what drove him to start a movement at such a young age.

Let all young people be inspired by that recognition that the power of ideas still can move a nation. That is what Charlie Kirk reminded all of us.

Mr. Speaker, we will never forget that. We will never forget the legacy of Charlie Kirk. That legacy will live on and only grow stronger. God bless Charlie Kirk.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD).

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, as I heard the horrific news of the assassination of Charlie Kirk, I was on my way to speak to a group of pastors who had come here to tour the Capitol and take in our beloved National Capital.

I couldn't help but in that moment be reminded of Hebrews 11, which people of faith understand to be the hall of fame of faith. It goes through the chapter and explains all the great feats of faith of people like Abraham, Moses, Samson, and David. It talks about how they, through faith, conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised.

It goes on, and it continues. It says that there were others who were tortured, refusing to be released, so they may gain an even better resurrection. Some faced years of floggings, even chains and imprisonment. It goes on to say that the world was not worthy of them.

The world was not worthy of Charlie Kirk. He spoke truths that we understand that we can build a life upon. He also understood that there were truths that we could build a nation upon. He, more than any, conveyed those things with clarity, especially to a generation who had been taught moral relativism and had been taught that truth could not be found. He spoke very clearly and with compassion and human dignity.

Above all, beyond his faith and beyond his policy, he had the courage. He had the courage to make a difference and the courage to stand. I hope that we continue with that same courage, as we continue to serve the people of this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, let's remember his family, as well. God bless Charlie Kirk.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIS).

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, America has hit a moral crossroad. One side celebrates the wicked murder of a faithful patriot, while the other side recognizes the sanctity of life and the beauty of thinking and speaking freely.

We are headed toward a precipice with no return. If we can't even agree that murder is wrong, we have moved beyond politics. We are debating whether society itself should survive.

The shooter last week wanted to silence Charlie. He wanted to silence not just Charlie but everything he represents, which is faith, family, and freedom.

Folks are beginning to speak up and take a stand against evil, for good. There are real threats to all that makes America great. In the face of evil ideologies that choose violence, villainization, and hate, we must choose a different path. We must choose the one Charlie chose, that of

civil discourse and love of our neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie Kirk understood that freedom is only one generation away from extinction. He ignited a love of country and God in the younger generation, inspiring us all as he did so. May today's vote be a small symbol of an awakening taking place across our Nation.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. BOEBERT).

Mr. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) for honoring our friend, Charlie Kirk.

Mr. Speaker, it has truly been a troubling week. This has been a very tough time for all of us, especially for Erika Kirk, Charlie's children, and the family at Turning Point USA.

The legacy that Charlie has left behind is truly remarkable. Charlie is leaving a legacy that we will all continue to carry on and move forward with. It is a legacy of faith, of freedom, of love, and of our constitutional values: to have civil conversations and disagreements.

It is interesting that my friend died doing what he loved most. He died hearing people, loving people, and giving them the opportunity to speak their thoughts. He literally gave people his platform.

We are honoring the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk, a courageous American patriot whose unwavering faith and love for Jesus inspired millions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, Charlie's deep love for Jesus guided his actions, evident in his daily Scripture study and fearless proclamation of the Gospel.

His assassination was a tragic loss, but his legacy endures, calling us to speak truth with courage and stand firm in faith.

Mr. Speaker, we love Charlie. We stand with Erika, and we congratulate her on her new position. May many more come to know the love of God and Jesus as their Lord through this heinous act.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Arizona has 18½ minutes remaining.

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Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution hon-

oring the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk.

Charlie was a man of God. He was a loving husband and a father and an unrelenting advocate for the Constitution, for American free speech, and for his Christian belief.

I had the honor of knowing Charlie, but also serving with Charlie on the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors. As we started our meeting, we talked about the love of country, and we talked about patriotism.

He asked a question. His question to the Air Force Academy was: Do you teach a course on American exceptionalism?

Do you teach a course on loving this country and on why it is the greatest country in the world?

He said that because these men and women who are about to graduate and be commissioned as officers in the Air and Space Force and who are willing to give their lives in the defense of this country should know why they love this country. They should know why this is the greatest country on Earth and why they are willing to die for it.

I thought it was an incredible question.

We toured the Air Force Academy chapel. I am going to challenge our Department of War and I am going to challenge our country to finish that chapel as a symbol of the spiritual aspect of this country.

I want to challenge everyone who hasn't watched Charlie's message about how this country was founded on Christian principles to watch that and to learn about the founding of this country and the spiritual roots.

It is important to finish that Air Force Academy chapel, having now been delayed for almost 8 or 9 years, so that we can get that spiritual aspect back into the lives of our military, our warfighters, and those who are graduating.

Charlie, we love you. Your legacy will stand firm in our minds, and I am absolutely convinced that your legacy will have a lasting effect on this country.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

We have heard a lot about Charlie Kirk and rightfully so. We have heard this important resolution today. I mentioned our love and prayers to Charlie's wonderful wife, Erika, and their children. The other day when she was speaking, Erika said that this mission, this program that Charlie was undertaking, was not going to be stopped because of his assassination, that it was going to grow bigger and stronger, and that it would be unleashed even more.

I will just point out that what has happened in the last few days, as I have been in contact with my other friends at Turning Point, is that more than 50,000 new chapters have been applied

for all over the country. I know that there was one, I will just describe it as a Mid-Atlantic University, that had their initial interest meeting and had more than 100 students show up at that.

That is what is happening around this country. Out of tragedy has been born a hope and an understanding, not just for the theological or religiosity that Charlie brought forward, but also for the hope of American renewal and recognition of the greatness of this Nation.

That is important.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences and my friendship also to the Turning Point USA family. I know many of them and his team, those who were closest to Charlie, some who were there when he was assassinated. I give them my heartfelt love and wish them strength as they go through and try to cope with this new dynamic in their lives.

However, Mr. Speaker, the mission goes on. You saw the outpouring from around the world, from Tokyo and Seoul to Spain and to London. Literally hundreds of thousands and maybe even millions of people are coming out to recognize what Charlie was. What he was was someone who had conviction in what he believed as far as his faith and his belief in family.

He used to advocate for families. He said that the greatest thing you could do, and he would tell young people this: Get married and have children.

He encouraged people to have a good life, and that was important, but he also believed in this country and that this country allows more people to do more like that than anywhere else.

That is why we remember him so today. It is my hope, and I join my hope with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, that this resolution passes in a unanimous fashion.

God bless you, Charlie.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 722, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.R. 3062;