**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE CITY OF ORLANDO FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC SHOOTING AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB AND TO REQUEST THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION CREATE A PLAN OR REEVALUATE THE CURRENT PLAN TO DEAL WITH POTENTIAL MASS SHOOTING AND HOSTAGE SITUATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 12th, a gunman entered the Pulse nightclub and opened fire, killing 49 people and injuring at least 53 more; and

Whereas, dozens of police vehicles swarmed the area around the club, with police pickup trucks being used to transport shooting victims to the Orlando Regional Medical Center; and

Whereas, nearly three hours after the gunman entered the club, police officers were finally able to storm into the club using an armored vehicle and subdue the shooter; and

Whereas, the situation in Orlando illustrated the need for a coordinated plan for federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and emergency service providers within the State to counteract mass shooting and hostage situations; and

Whereas, in the interest of public safety, the House of Representatives requests that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division create a coordinated plan or reevaluate and update any current plan in existence; and

Whereas, this plan should establish a clear line of authority and open communication between the various branches of law enforcement agencies and emergency service providers to implement the most efficient method to end the threat and provide medical treatment to the victims. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express the deepest sympathy to the City of Orlando following the tragic shooting at the Pulse nightclub and request that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division create a plan or reevaluate the current plan to deal with potential mass shooting and hostage situations in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Mark Keel.

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