

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute to express our condolences for the
2 tragic shooting at Michigan State University.

3 Whereas, In the evening hours of February 13, 2023, the
4 students, staff, and community members within and surrounding
5 Michigan State University, mere miles from this Chamber, suffered
6 an unspeakable tragedy. A lone gunman entered campus buildings and
7 opened fire on those inside, beginning an hours-long effort by
8 first responders to protect those on campus and bring an end to the
9 violence. Those in and around campus were ordered to shelter in
10 place by police, forced to simply wait and hope that the ongoing
11 nightmare unfolding within their community would eventually come to
12 an end without more bloodshed. Throughout the country, the friends

1 and family members of those in the community looked on in horror.
2 The gunman was eventually found, but not before he had taken the
3 lives of three students and injured even more. We in this Chamber,
4 like all those with ties to Michigan State University across the
5 nation, mourn this senseless, unnecessary loss of life and pray
6 that those still hospitalized will recover; and

7 Whereas, Acts of mass violence like this tragedy reflect an
8 utter rejection of the value and dignity that should be afforded to
9 every single human being. What is left in the wake of a life taken
10 in such a violent, chaotic manner is a sense of confusion,
11 frustration, and anguish that is impossible to put into words.
12 Tragedies like this leave communities forever scarred and hearts
13 forever broken; and

14 Whereas, Now more than ever, it is important to recognize the
15 heroism and resolve demonstrated by those who lead us through times
16 of tragedy. To those on the police force who worked tirelessly to
17 defend the community they are entrusted to protect and who bravely
18 entered building after building, classroom after classroom - we see
19 you, and we thank you. To the medical professionals who responded
20 on scene and to those still caring for the individuals who have
21 suffered injury - we see you, and we thank you. To the heroic staff
22 and students of Michigan State University who risked their own
23 lives to ensure the safety of those around them - we see you, and
24 we thank you. It should not take a tragedy for us to recognize the
25 best of us, but we would do a dishonor to their courage if we did
26 not take this opportunity to commend their valiant efforts and
27 express our gratitude on behalf of Michiganders everywhere; and

28 Whereas, We must never forget the individuals whose lives were
29 taken on February 13. Arielle Anderson. Alexandria Verner. Brian

1 Fraser. This Chamber mourns with your friends and family. We
2 dedicate ourselves, in your honor, to work toward a better world -
3 a world where Michiganders can feel safe in their communities. A
4 world where families can send their loved ones to receive an
5 education without fearing the worst might befall them. A world
6 where we embrace each other in joy, not in grief. This Chamber -
7 your Chamber - will not forget you. Your state will not forget you.
8 Your country will not forget you; now, therefore, be it
9 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express our
10 condolences for the tragic shooting at Michigan State University.