
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MOLCHANY AND MCNEILL, DECEMBER 12, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 12, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 2013 as "Children and Gun Violence
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the
3 remembrance of children victims of gun violence.

4 WHEREAS, The United States experiences epidemic levels of gun
5 violence, claiming over 30,000 lives annually, according to the
6 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

7 WHEREAS, The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence states that
8 children and young adults, who are under 24 years of age,
9 constitute 38% of all firearm deaths and nonfatal injuries in
10 the United States, and 18 children and young adults die each day
11 in the United States from firearm injuries; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Children's Defense Fund, between
13 the years 2000 and 2010, 1,356 children and teenagers were
14 killed by guns in Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, On December 14, 2012, this nation suffered the most
16 deadly school shooting in its history when 20 children and six

1 adult staff members were fatally shot at Sandy Hook Elementary
2 School in Newtown, Connecticut; and

3 WHEREAS, In the 12 months since the tragic shooting at Sandy
4 Hook Elementary School, 17 more school shootings have taken
5 place in the United States, including one in Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, As elected officials, it is our duty to protect our
7 children; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
9 December 2013 as "Children and Gun Violence Awareness Month" in
10 Pennsylvania and urge the residents of this Commonwealth to
11 remember all the children who tragically lost their lives
12 through gun violence.